Wall Street closes lower

'NEW YORK (R) - Wall Street stocks closed lower on Friday as a last-minute selloff erased earlier gains. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had been up as much as 20 points earlier, finished down 26.36 points at 1,959.05, according to preliminary figures. The index was down more than 30 points for the week. The market has been buffeted by uncertainty over Washington's ability to cut the federal budget deficit and restore confidence in world markets. The U.S. currency hovered slightly above the historic lows reached the previous day. The dollar was trading at 1.6740 marks, up from an all-time low of 1.6650 on Thursday. It was quoted at 135.35 ven after hitting a post-war low of 134.35 in Tokyo trading earlier (See page 7) and was up from 135.05 at Thursday's close. Dealers said the central banks of West Germany, Japan and Switzerland bought dollars, but the intervention was unable to dispel pessimism about the currency.

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Genscher to visit Iraq and S. Arabia

BONN (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will visit Iraq and Saudi Arabia this month to add his weight to calls for a ceasefire in the Gulf war, diplomatic sources said on Friday. The visit, arranged for Nov. 16-18, will also give him a chance to improve relations with Iraq following remarks attributed to him in July that Iraq had started the war against Iran and had used chemical weapons. Mr. Genscher, who played a major role in the drafting of a U.N. resolution calling for a ceasefire in the seven-yearold Gulf war, said the statement had been misinterpreted.

UAE: U.S. attack on boat is closed

ABU DHABI (R) - The United Emirates (UAE) said on Friday it regreted a U.S. attack on a small UAE boat in which a fisherman died, but the incident was now closed. The Pentagon expressed regret on Wednesday for Sunday's incident in which a U.S. frigate misidentified the Sharjahowned fishing smack as Iranian and opened fire, killing an Indian man. "We consider the incident closed since there is no indication it was deliberate," the UAE official news agency (WAM) quoted Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Sheikh Hamdan Ibn Zayed as

Accord eludes U.S. and Spain

MADRID (AP) - Two days of talks on the future of U.S. military forces in Spain ended in stalemate Friday over Madrid's insistence on the removal of American jet fighters, officials said. The chief Spanish negotiator, Maximo Cajal, said Spain had notified the Americans of its refusal to renew the 34-year-old defence accord in its current form. Still, both Mr. Cajal and U.S. ambassador and cheif negotiator Reginald Bartholomew insisted both countries were interested in maintaining a military relationship. Mr. Bartholomew said after Friday's two-hour session that "questions remain to be resolved.

Israelis intercept Lebanese freighter

TYRE, Lebanon (R) — Israeli navy patrol boats intercepted a Lebanese ship on Friday off this South Lebanese port, searched it and arrested the owner of its argo, security sources said. They said the boats stopped the Lebanese-registered Nadine and arrested Hilal Bitar, owner of its -- cargo of rice and onions, and took him to Israel. The ship was allowed to continue its journey.

Shevardnadze to _visit Turkey

ANKARA (R) - Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will visit Turkey, a member of the North Atlantic alliance, early next year, Moscow's envoy in Ankara said on Friday. Ambassafor Albert Chernyshev told a news conference that Moscow wanted closer ties with Ankara and believed Turkey's relations with the Soviet Union would not m any way affect its ties with thers, especially with the United States.

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- quick and smooth. Mr. Carlucci, formerly the Pentagon's number two man, the deputy director of the CIA and of buildup costing more than a trilto continue anti-apartheid battle, page 8 the Office of Management and lion dollars.

Arab leaders start arriving today for summit

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Arab leaders and official delegations accompanying them start arriving here today to take part in the extraordinary Arab summit conference scheduled to open on Sunday.

expected to attend the summit are scheduled to arrive at the Marka military airport, seven kilometres north of Amman, on Saturday. They will be received by His Majesty King Hussein, Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi and senior Jordanian

Delegations not headed by heads of state will be received by equal-ranking Jordanian officials in line with protocol guidelines.

The heads of states are scheduled to land at Marka at 15minute intervals. Information available to the Jordan Times until late Friday indicated that among the first arrivals will be President Hassan Gouled Aptidon of Djibouti and Sheikh Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa of Bahrain.

They will be followed by South Yemeni head of state Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas, United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said of Oman,

Nine of the 17 Arab leaders Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Sudanese head of state Mohammad Al Mirghani and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

Host delegations headed by Cabinet members to accompany each head of state have already been named. In addition to one of the ministers as head, each delegation includes a senior official from the Armed Forces and the Jordanian ambassador accredited to the respective country. According to a government

announcement, following is the roster of the Cabinet members and the respective delegations they will accompany; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Prime Minis-

try Affairs Abdul Wahab Al Maiali - Saudi Arabia; Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani — Iraq: Minister of Public Works Mahmoud Hawamdeh — the United Arab Emirates; Minister of ners and more than 25,000 flags of Occupied Territories Affairs the various 21 Arab League Marwan Al Dudin — Bahrain; member countries. Some of the

Resources Hisham Al Khatib --Djibouti; Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat — Sudan; Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh — Syria; Minister of Higher Education Nassereddine Al Assad — Oman; Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan - Palestine: Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Sami Joudeh — Qatar; Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Rajai Muasher — Kuwait; Minister of Finance Hanna Odeh -Lebanon; Minister of Informa-

tion, Culture and Tourism Mohammad Al Khatib — Libya;

Minister of Communications

Muhieddine Al Husseini -

Morocco; Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan — Mauritania; Minister of Youth Eid Dahiyat — North Yemen; and Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber - North Yemen. After the traditional welcoming ceremonies at the airport, the visiting dignitaries will be whisked across the tightly-

guarded, freshly-painted streets

of Amman, bedecked with ban-

Minister of Justice Riad Al Shaka King receives phone calls from Tunisia: Minister of Education
Thougan Al Hindawi — Algeria;
Minister of Energy and Mineral Iraqi and N. Yemeni presidents

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein on Friday discussed with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh issues related to the extraordinary Arab summit scheduled to open here on Sunday.

The discussions came during phone calls the King received from the two leaders, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. The King briefed President Hussein and President Abdullah Saleh on preparations for the summit and the two presidents expressed appreciation of and satisfaction with His Majesty's endeavours to ensure the smooth convening of the conference, the agency added.

Petra quoted President Hussein and President Saleh as saying they were looking forward to meeting His Majesty at the conference and to contributing, along with other Arab leaders, to efforts aimed at achieving positive results at the gathering towards the common goals of the Arab Nation.

delegations will be staying at the various hotels earmarked for the purpose while some others have opted for the residence of their respective ambassadors. Many of the press delegations from the various countries have already arrived here.

In the meantime, Mr. Klibi and a high-level Arab League delegation were putting finishing touches on Friday to procedural issues related to the conference, which will be formally opened by the King at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC) with a welcoming speech. Following the opening ceremony, the Arab leaders will move to the Plaza hotel for

closed-door meetings. Foreign Minister Taher Al

Masri, who has been designated official spokesman for the summit, will brief journalists at regular intervals at the speciallyarranged press centre at the Al Hussein Sports City.

Mr. Klibi arrived here on Thursday. In an arrival statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, he said that Arab security remains the most important issue at the summit. "We hope that the summit will display full solidarity with Iraq in its effort to repel aggression, and with Kuwait to fend off hostile actions by Iran which is also threatening other

on Arab territories remains at the top of priorities for the Arab leaders," he said. "The situation in Lebanon also constitutes one of the chronic issues" which should be tackled by the Arab leaders, the Arab League secretary general noted.

He paid tribute to His Majesty the King's efforts to rally Arab ranks and convene the summit, which will no doubt boost the Arab Nation's capabilities in confronting common challenges and

Issues related to the summit were the central theme in a message the King received from King Hassan II of Morocco on Thursday. The message, delivered to the King by Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdul Latif Al Filali and King Hassan's special adviser Ahmad Ibn Souda, dealt with the conference and expressed Morocco's support for the King's efforts to make the conference a success, Petra said. Mr. Filali and Mr. Ibn Souda left Amman later Thursday after delivering the message.

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan was meanwhile quoted by Petra as saying in a dispatch from Baghdad that his country expected the summit "to come out with a minimum of resolutions regarding basic de-

"Israel's continued aggression cooperate in difficult situations to restore hope among the Arab citizens.

> Mr. Ramadan paid tribute to King Hussein's nationalistic role and constant efforts to narrow inter-Arab differences and to bring closer together all Arab views in order to ensure the summit's success.

> Mr. Ramadan also underscored the importance of intensifying high-level Arab meetings to enable Arab leaders to reach "joint concepts - on the levels of nationalistic responsibilities — in view of the various threats to

Arab security. He said Iraq had survived a crisis and achieved "victory after victory" against Iran, "Iraq is capable of confronting the most sensitive and harsh situations,' he said.

The Saudi Arabian delegation to the summit will be headed by Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz. The Saudi Press Agency quoted a senior official as saving on Thursday "there is nothing strange about King Fahd delegating Crown Prince Abdullah to preside over the Saudi delegation at the emergency Arab meeting in Amman.

The agency said the official was replying to mistaken misinterpretations in the media of King (Continued on page 3)

Iraqis bomb Bandar Khomeini; Iranians strafe U.S.-owned ship

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said its warplanes attacked a coastal Iranian petrochemical plant in the northern Gulf Friday, apparent retaliation for the rockand a U.S.-managed tanker eting two days earlier of an Iraanchored off a southern port after nian supertanker by an Iraqi warfire on board but caused no casualties.

Iran claimed an Iraqi warplane was shot down Thursday night, and it crashed in Saudi Arabian territorial waters. Iraq said all its planes returned to base Thursday and reported an air attack on a ship off Iran's Gulf coast that

An Iranian offshore oil platform was sighted still ablaze, 17 days after bombardment by the U.S. navy in retaliation for an Iranian Silkworm missile attack on a U.S.-flag tanker in Kuwaiti

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -

Defence Secretary Caspar

Weinberger said Friday he does

not believe his nominated succes-

sor, Frank Carlucci, would com-

promise on defence issues or that

President Ronald Reagan would

abandon support for "Star

Mr. Weinberger, in two televi-

sion interviews and a news con-

ference after announcement of

his resignation, made a final plea

to Congress not to reduce Mr. Reagan's defence build-up. But

lawmakers said money problems would be one of the main

headaches for Mr. Carlucci, who

been willing to compromise from

the beginning, but Frank has cer-

tainly not been one of them," Mr.

Weinberger said on the televi-

sion programme "CBS Morning

Asked if his departure might

lead to Mr. Reagan making con-

cessions on plans for a space-

based anti-missile defence system

when he negotiates disarmament

with the Soviets, Mr. Weinberger

said, "I don't think so. I think the

president regards this as his high-

est priority, and I always have."

Mr. Weinberger, 70, will re-

is confirmed by the U.S. senate, a

process which is expected to be

main in office until Mr. Carlucci at a ceremony lavish with praise

"There are some who have

is national security adviser.

Iran's speedboat attack on the 103,584-ton Grand Wisdom, which flies the Panamanian flag, was in a pre-dawn Iranian raid started a plane, Gulf-based shipping executives said.

> The tanker, fully laden with Kuwaiti oil, dropped anchor off Dubai port for inspection of damage, they said. The Grand Wisdom is man-

aged by the Teekay Shipping Co. Inc. of Long Beach, California. and was on its way out of the Gulf with a cargo of crude oil lifted in Kuwait, according to the execu-

Weinberger expects successor

Caspar Weinberger

Budget, is to be replaced as

national security adviser by army

Lieutenant-General Colin Powell,

the second-ranking national

Mr. Weinberger's long-ex-

pected resignation was announced in a White House

ceremony Thursday during which Mr. Reagan praised his old friend

as "the finest secretary of defence

Weinberger) and the service he

has given the nation in the cause

of freedom and peace, more than

anyone else it is Churchill who

comes to mind," Mr. Reagan said

Mr. Weinberger held the post

since Mr. Reagan took office in

1981 and presided over an unpre-

cedented peacetime U.S. military

for his long-time aide.

"As I think of him (Mr.

in the history of our nation."

security council staff member.

Carlucci to pursue firm policies

More than one shipping source said the Grand Wisdom was not only U.S.-managed but also U.S.-owned. A Baghdad war communique

said Iraqi jets scored "violent and destructive strikes on the extremely important petrochemical complex at the port of Bandar Khomeini. Iraqi jets returned safely to base, "leaving (behind) explo-

sions, tongues of fire and clouds of black smoke covering the stricken targets," said the communique, carried by the Iraqi News Agency. Iran did not comment on the

raid on the plant.

The Iranian attack on the Grand Wisdom was witnessed by a nearby U.S. frigate but it was powerless to take any action.

It could only escort the ship after it was hit. The ship flies the Panamanian flag and the U.S. navy can only protect ships flying

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Frank Carlucci

missiles.

threatening.

Senate aides said the Senate

was likely to confirm Mr. Carluc-

ci, before the December super-

power summit here at which Mr.

Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail

Gorbachev are to sign a treaty

banning medium-range nuclear

Mr. Weinberger, on NBC's

"today" show, on Friday, denied

he has any policy difference with

the administration. He told a

Defence Department news con-

ference Thursday his only reason

for resigning was to spend more

time with his wife, Jane, whose

health problems include a battle

against cancer. He said, however,

that her condition is not life-

"I don't have any worries ab-

had a few other obligations."

Noburu Takeshita

Takeshita announces his cabinet

TOKYO (Agencies) — Japan's new Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita formed a cabinet on Friday that retained the finance and trade ministers and appointed a confidant of his predecessor, Yasuhiro Nakasone, as foreign minister.

After being handpicked by Mr. Nakasone as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) on Oct. 20, Mr. Takeshita said he would strive for unity in the factional party and assign the right person to the right place in the cabinet to tackle mounting problems, external and internal

The 63-year-old Takeshita, credited as a master of coordination and consensus building, was elected prime minister earlier on

He appointed Kiichi Miyazawa, 68, a rival in the leadership race, as deputy prime minister and retained him as finance

The other rival, former Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe, had been appointed LDP secretary general, the second most important post in the party after the presi-

Mr. Takeshita retained Hajime Tamura, 63, as minister of international trade and industry. Mr. Takeshita, who is regarded

as weak in external affairs, appointed Sosuke Uno, 65, a confidant of Mr. Nakasone, as foreign minister. Mr. Nakasone has shown his

intention of being involved in external affairs in one way or another. Mr. Uno himself has wide experience, having served as minister of international trade and industry, defence minister, state minister in charge of science and technology and state minister in charge of administrative management.

Mr. Takeshita, known for his strength in tackling issues out leaving," Mr. Weinberger said on NBC. "I would have been through patient backroom consensus building, became the 46th glad to finish out the time, but I prime minister since Japan think it was time I - as I say. $I \mid adopted its parliamentary system$

Gorbachev seeking 3-day stay in U.S.

er Mikhail Gorbachev will be and suggested he would like to aiming for a hard-working sum- entertain the Kremlin chief at his mit with few diversions when he California ranch. dent Ronald Reagan, Soviet officials said on Friday.

The officials said final dates for Mr. Gorbachev's trip had not yet been settled but confirmed his talks with Mr. Reagan would begin on Dec. 7 as announced by the two powers last week. There is a lot of business to

do. On our side we want to get through it and push towards solutions of the many issues a joint effort could resolve," one Mos-cow official, who asked not to be identified, commented.

"We do not think there will be much time, given all that needs to be done, for diversions.'

According to the officials, involved with advance planning of the summit, it would not last more than three days. This timetable, if formally con-

firmed, suggests Mr. Gorbachev would arrive in Washington on Sunday, Dec. 6, and leave to return to Moscow on Thursday, Georgy Arbatov, Mr. Gor-

bachev's adviser on U.S. policy told a Moscow news conference on Thursday there was "no time for pleasure trips" — although Mr. Gorbachev himself told U.S. iournalists last month he would like to see the United States.

Mr. Reagan originally said he hoped Mr. Gorbachev would

MOSCOW (R) - Kremlin lead- travel across the United States

every effort to achieve progress towards an agreement on cutting strategic weaponry by 50 per cent linked to strict observation of the 1972 treaty on Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) systems.

Both Soviet and U.S. officials say they still expect the longawaited treaty on destroying their intermediate land-based nuclear weapons (INF) in Europe and Asia will be signed at the summit, probably on the first day.

A senior Western diplomat well-briefed on the progress of the Geneva INF negotiations said in Moscow on Friday some technical problems remained to be resolved.

"But there is no reason to think the treaty will not be ready for signing at the summit," the diplomat added.

On Thursday, U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock met Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to discuss preparations for the summit, described by offi-cials on both sides as a normal diplomatic contact before the December meeting.

As part of advanced planning, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead will visit Moscow later this month to review bilateral relations and discuss human rights issues.

Hoss sends message to Jordan

BEIRUT (R) - Acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss sent a message on Friday explaining the views of Lebanon's Muslim leadgoes to Washington next month for his third meeting with Presileader was determined to make ers to Sunday's Arab summit in Amman, where President Amin Gemavel, a Christian, will represent the country.

> The memorandum to His Majesty King Hussein was taken to Amman by Interior Minister Abdallah Al Řassi, sources close to Mr. Hoss said.

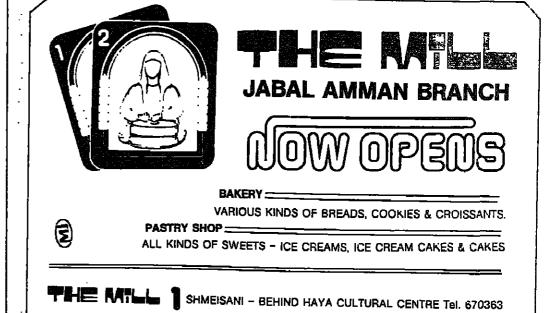
> It set out the views of Muslim leaders on the worsening economic and political situation in the war-ravaged country, they said.

> Mr. Rassi, a Greek Orthodox Christian and political opponent of Mr. Gemayel, was travelling by road because a general strike in protest against the economic crisis has closed Beirut airport (See page 2).

Mr. Hoss and other pro-Syrian Muslim leaders have boycotted Mr. Gemayel since 1986, when the president refused to endorse a Syrian-brokered pact aimed at ending the country's 12-year civil

Mr. Gemayel is expected to seek financial aid from his fellow leaders at the summit.

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Lebanese unions close down country for 2nd day

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon's trade union chief pledged on Friday to keep the country gripped by a general strike until the government acts to boost the value of the pound in workers' pay packets.

Antoine Bechara, president of the 250 000-strong General Labour Federation, told Reuters: "But there are not yet any good signs from the government on meeting our demands."

For a second consecutive day, Beirut was unusually quiet and free of traffic as virtually all workers staved home for the strike and out of the heavy rain flooding dozens of streets.

Only hospitals, pharmacies and bakeries could open. Shops, offices, restaurants and Beirut International Airport, Lebanon's only commercial air link with the world, staved closed down.

"We also asked parliament to move on our demands but nothing has happened vet, so we will continue the strike until measures are taken so the pound can win back its value," Mr. Bechara

"We want the war to end but realise that's politics. We're not asking for anything impossible.

"The strike is going fine." We want laws from the government to end the economic deterioration and organise the eco-

> Western diplomats, however, said such reforms were a tall order for Lebanon's government. which has been virtually paralysed since 1986 by deep political and religious divisions.

Once the Middle East's most stable currency, the Lebanese pound lost more than 82 per cent of its international value this year, fuelling inflation to an estimated 350 per cent in 1987.

Ravaged by 12 years of civil war. Lebanese cities have only recently become crisscrossed by daily gueues for bread and petrol and other essentials that were plentiful before the sudden- economie crisis.

Police and militiamen, out in force on the streets of major cities since Thursday in case of riots. reported only six small dynamite explosions in Beirut and the southern port of Sidon.

Unidentified gunmen set off three dynamite sticks in Syriancontrolled Muslim west Beirut on Thursday night, slightly wounding one person, and three in Sidon on Friday, causing only material damage.

One of the blasts in Sidon was near a currency dealer's shop and another near a petrol station, reflecting central concerns for those in Lebanon's first such indefinite strike since 1952.

"When you've survived 12 years of civil war you can wait a few days and support the strike," said mechanic Jihn Khasha, 45. "It's the only way left for people to express their anger. Mr. Bechara listed the union's

main demands as laws against

uncontrolled currency specula-

tion, which he took as a key cause for the pound's fall, spiralling inflation and the shortages. "These measures can help the pound recover at least 50 per cent of its value," he said. "Unfortunately they are not done because

some financial powers." A 1952 strike, fed by a high cost of living and unemployment helped force the then President

they would hurt the pockets of

Bechara Al Khoury to resign.

Delivery of the heat-seeking missiles is expected to begin in about two weeks, the newspaper said. It said that the weapon is ex-

reportedly

to supply

Stingers

to Chad

Friday.

NEW YORK (R) - The United

States is to supply Chad with Stinger

ground-to-air missiles and an

American training team to teach

its army how to use them, the

New York Times reported on

Quoting unnamed administra-

tion officials, the newspaper said

that 24 Stinger missiles and seven

launchers would be provided in a

\$2-million deal that signal in-

creased U.S. commitment to the

Chadian government in its con-

flict with its northern neighbour

"In response to a continued air

threat from Libya, the United

States had decided to honour

Chad's request for Stingers," a

Pentagon official was quoted as

The official reportedly told the

newspaper that the accord pro-

vided "a complete package in-

cluding training," but declined to

The article said that a small

U.S. army team of instructors,

technicians and maintenance per-

sonnel was sent to the Chadian

capital N'Djamena within the last

provide details.

two weeks.

pected to boost Chad's military strength at a time when it has expressed frustration at France's reluctance to provide more

France, the main supplier of arms to Chad, has expressed concern to Washington that the missiles might intensify the conflict between Chad and Libya, the newspaper said.

Meanwhile Afghan guerrillas acknowledged on Thursday that Iran had seized a number of their U.S.-made Stinger missiles last spring but said Tehran had promised to return the weapons for the fight against Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

Maulvi Yunus Khalis, president of the Islamic Unity of Afghan Mujahideen, told reporters Iran had taken the weapons from rebel convoys along the

the rebeis might have sold the Stingers, and said further supplies of the shoulder-fired anti-aircraft weapon would allow the Mujahideen to establish its own government within the country. "Our cause is not to get

money. Our struggle is beyond this level of selling." Khalis said through an interpreter. "We are seeking an Islamic government." U.S. reports have said Iran may have obtained up to 30 Stin-

The two senators who voted tive Republicans Orrin Hatch and icaps.

surprises".

Washington | Chirac aide: Iran arms sales stopped when right came to power

PARIS (Agencies) - France has Baudouin said. "Anything which sold no arms to Iran since the March 1986, Premier Jacques Chirac's spokesman said Friday. Spokesman Denis Baudouin

said he was making "the most categorical denial" of charges that the arms sales, reportedly conducted secretly under the Socialist government, continued after Mr. Chirac's center-right coalition came to power.

A military report, declassified Wednesday after its text was published by the conservative Paris newspaper Le Figaro, said President François Mitterrand and his Defence Minister, Charles Herny, were informed of the sales by the French arms firm Luchaire in 1984 and did not stop them.

ising arms sales to Iran. Mr. Mitterrand has not commented on the affair. Mr. Baudouin told reporters that the premier's office did not

Mr. Hernu has denied author-

intend to challenge the Socialist president on the issue. "We think certain subjects can

only be addressed with the greatest prudence." Mr.

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The

Syrian government Thursday pro-

tested to French Ambassador

Alain Grenier over French Prime

Minister Jacques Chirac's alleged

comments about ill-treatment of

Jews in Syria, the Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) reported.

sef Chaccour summoned Mr.

Grenier to voice Syria's "deep

at Mr. Chirac's reported remarks

made during a visit to Israel

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir quoted the French leader

as saying that he would not visit

Damascus until the Syrian gov-

ernment indicated it would im-

WASHINGTON (R) - The con-

gressional committees investigat-

ing the Iran-contra affair has

approved a report on the scandal

that has damaged the Reagan

A Senate aide said the Senate

committee voted 9-2, in closed

session, to approve the more

than 1.800-page report. The 15-

member House of Representa-

The report, which describes

President Reagan's secret arms

sales to Iran last year and diver-

sion of profits to Nicaragua's con-

tra rebels, will not released until

Nov. 17 at the earliest, aides said.

Lee Hamilton told reporters the

report did not contain any "major

House Committee Chairman

tives panel approved it 9-6.

earlier this week.

astonishment and deep sorrow

Deputy Foreign Minister Yous-

could produce the slightest di-Conservatives came to power in vergence among the leaders of our country could only serve our adversaries in a particularly explosive region." But François Fillon, chairman

of the National Assembly's Defence Committee, said it was time "that the president give his opinion on the Luchaire affair, because other countries are looking at us.'

Mr. Fillon, a member of Mr. Chirac's Rally for the Republic Party, also proposed a special parliamentary inquiry into the case, an extremely unusual move in France. Mr. Fillon said his committee

did not have sufficient powers to investigate the case, and besides 'has always been very prudent with regard to arms sales. It is a tradition of the French parliament.

The report by Jean-Francois Barba, inspector-general of the armed forces, said Luchaire had sold about 500,000 artillery shells to Iran between 1983 and 1986, using false papers identifying other countries as the destina-

Syria protests against Chirac remarks

allowed them to emigrate.

without distinction.

power broker.

co-Arab ties.

prove its treatment of Jews and

SANA said Mr. Chaccour

The French have sought Syria's

help in securing the release of its

nationals held hostage by Iranian-

backed Muslim extremists in

Lebanon, where Syria is the main

cised earlier by Dubai's Al Bayan

newspaper which said it would

take a long time to undo the harm

his comments had done to Fran-

Mr. Chirac's remarks were

"unacceptable to the Arabs" and

Committee approves Iran-contra report

James McClure. Three moderate

Republican senators voted with

the panel's six Democrats.

Mr. Chirac was bitterly criti-

"stressed that all Syrian citizens

enjoy equal rights and duties

Barba's report said it was possible that as much as 3 million francs (\$500,000) in commissions were turned over to the Socialist

Party by a Hernu associate. The Socialist Party has denied receiving any money from the arms sales.

Mr. Baudouin said it was up to the justice system to find out what happened. An investigating magistrate has been assigned to the case for months, but only gained access to Barba's report when it was published in Le Figaro, then declassified.

Jean Lecanuet, chairman of the Senate Defence Commission. said a full explanation could come "only from the summit of the

For the embattled Socialists. who claim a reputation as the "honest men" of French public life, Party First Secretary Lionel Jospin said: "I have the fullest confidence in the president establishing the truth.

Mr. Chirac meanwhile appeared to try to cool the scandal, known as the "affaire Luchaire" after the French arms company which sold the muni-

"a flagrant intervention in the

affairs of an independent Arab

state and have done harm to

French-Arab ties dating from the

time of Charles de Gaulle," Al

It accused Mr. Chirac of be-

coming the "self-appointed advo-

cate of Syrian Jews in order to

The paper accused Mr. Chirac.

the first French prime minister to

visit Israel, of "indulgence in the

American-Israeli alliance against

hard effort from the French side

to mend what Chirac has ruined

in French-Arab relations." the

"It will take a long time and

win French Jewish voters."

Bayan said.

paper added.

Qadhafi

Sudan's Vice President Idris Al Banna told Al Ittihad daily newspaper that he had recently sought to bring the two leaders together.

willing to meet each other anywhere. I think Sudan is the bestplaced party to undertake this task and I'm ready to go ahead with it," he said. Sudan has good ties with both

Egypt and Libya, at loggerheads since Cairo's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

repair ties and help Egypt's debt-ridden economy if Cairo abro-

Troops patrol Khartoum after reports of plot

KHARTOUM (R) - Soldiers and police carried out overnight

Announcing the checks on Friday, Minister of State for Deser said joint police-army patrols would be authorised to search cious areas and to run random

German hostage 'to be freed for ransom

BEIRUT (R) — Kidnapped West German Rudolf Cordes is expected to be freed in a deal similar to one that secured the release of another West German for \$2 million, Beirut's Ash Shiran magazine said on Friday. Ash Shiraa, which broke the

news last November of the U.S. "arms-for-hostages" deals with Iran, quoted a Muslim religious source for its report. The magazine is close to radical groups in mainly Muslim west Beirut. "The Muslim religious source expected the release of the

Cordes in a deal like the one that freed the other German hostage Alfred Schmidt for \$2 million." it Officials in Bonn and Mr. Schmidt's employers, Siemens, have repeatedly denied paying to

second German hostage Rudolf

secure his release on Sept. 7. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Cordes were seized after Shi'ite Muslim Lebanese Mohammad Hamadei was arrested in West Germany and accused of murder and hi-

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BEIRUT (AP) - Palestinian

businessman Badr Al Fahoum.

who was kidnapped in mainly

Muslim west Beirut two weeks

ago, has been released un-

They said Mr. Fahoum, 62,

president of the Palestinian-fi-

nanced Arab Insurance Com-

pany, arrived at his house in west

Beirut's Verdun residential dis-

harmed, police has said.

trict Wednesday night.

plane to Beirut in June 1985.

The kidnappers, calling themselves the Freedom Strugglers. demanded the release of Hamadei and his brother Abbas. who was later arrested in West Germany on suspicion of being involved in the hostage-taking.

Diplomatic sources said there had been no contact between German officials and the kidnappers in west Beirut since Hamadei's parents visited their sons several weeks ago.

Mr. Cordes is among 26 fore-igners missing, believed kidnapped, in Lebanon. Most of them are held by pro-Iranian militants. Ash Shiraa quoted its source as

saying it was likely that the whole issue of the hostages would be solved in deals involving arms for Middle East countries and money for the kidnappers.

South Korean diplomat Do Chae-Sung, 44, was the last foreign hostage freed in Beirut. Opposition militia sources said a ransom of \$1.15 million secured Jean-Louis Normandin.

speak to the press at the mo-

ment, a member of Mr.

Fahoum's household told the

Associated Press by telephone

Thursday. He declined to be

Police, who had speculated

Fahoum's abduction when three

gunmen kidnapped him on Oct.

22, said they could not establish

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jacking a Trans World Airlines his release on Oct. 27.

Seoul has denied paying for Mr. Do, a second secretary at South Korean's Beirut embassy, who was held captive for 21

In Paris, Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond said on Thursday that France still hoped to resume normal relations with Iran, but not until five Frenchmen held hostage in Lebanon by pro-Iranian militants were set

"There can be no effective normalisation of our relations so long as the influence which this country can exercise on the kidnappers... does not bring the release of the Frenchmen held in Lebanon for over two and a half years," he told the National Assembly in Paris.

Shi'ite Muslim kidnappers are holding diplomats Marcel Carton and Marcel Fontaine, journalists Jean-Paul Kauffmann and Roger Augue and television technician

Kidnapped Palestinian businessman released He denied earlier reports that paid to win his freedom. There were reports in the local

> Jeweller Simon Bouri, a Christthat ransom was behind Mr. ian, was kidnapped in west Beirut a week before Mr. Fahoum's abduction. Police had also theorised that Mr. Bouri was grabbed for ransom.

press last week that the kidnap-

pers demanded \$500,000 to re-

lease Mr. Fahoum, a Sunni

gers from the Afghan rebels.

TODAY'S EVENTS **EXHIBITIONS**

Art exhibition for Kamal and Nidal Tabbal at Housing Bank Complex (un-dit Nov. 20).

Photographs exhibition by Moham-

mad Roums at the French Cultural Centre (until Nov. 12)

* The Anglican Church will be holding a temembrance day service at the Church of the Redeemer, Jabal Am-man, on Sunday, 8th November at 6,30

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'Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Aris Centre. Open all week 9/00 a.m. 1-1/00 p.m. and 3/30 p.m. 6/00 pm. Closed on Friday.

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SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings - manucipina kniary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00

p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Am-man. Eighth Circle. Tel. \$16534, 817534

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel 624590. Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

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Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian Janguage, meet every Saturday at 5:50 p.m. Tel: 62286
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Tel. 771331. Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 775261. nen, 1el. 775261. St. Fphraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 77[75]. Amman International Church (Interdenominational) meers at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534.

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) 815817, 821264 This information is supplied by Royal Jordanian (RI) information department at the Queen Alia International Airport Tel. (18) 532005, where it closely themselves a section 1. should always be venfied.

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All six Republicans on the

House committee voted against the report and have prepared a separate minority report. They charge that the majority report infers Mr. Reagan was aware of the possibly illegal diversion of funds.

Since the scandal erupted in November last year Mr. Reagan has repeatedly denied all knowledge of the diversion. He has admitted he erred in shipping arms to Iran in an attempt to win freedom for U.S. hostages held

by pro-Iranian forces in Lebanon. Mr. Hamilton said many

strands of the scandal remained incomplete and he pointed out that the committees had worked against the report were conserva- under "some extraordinary hand-

PRAYER TIMES

MONEY EXCHANGE

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a key witness, U.S. intelligence chief William Casey, who died before he could testify, and what Mr. Hamilton described as "a paper trail that was completely destroyed. Mr. Hamilton was referring to

the shredding of documents by key figures in the scandal.

aide Oliver North appeared on Wednesday before a grand jury which has been investigating whether Col. North and his associates broke the law in the Iran-contra affair.

Col. North, a key target of the before the grand jury, spending less than 30 minutes at the secret clined to comment on what happened at the hearing.

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stop-and-search patrols in Khartourn and set up checkpoints on roads serving the Sudanese capital after newspaper reports warned of a "subversive plot."

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WHAT'S GOING ON

An exhibition of paintings, drawings, and collages by Dodi Karim Tabbaa at the Petra Bank Gallery, Wadi Saqra (until Nov. 15).

⇒ An exhibition entitled "Learning with Computers" at the British Council (until Nov. 9)

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Oman appoints

envoy to Aden BAHRAIN (R) — Oman bas appointed its first ambassador to neighbouring South Yemen since

establish relations in 1983. The official Oman News Agencv carried a Royal Decree on Thursday saying Sultan Qaboo, Ibn Said has chosen Mohammad Ibn Salim Al Hajri as his firm ambassador to South Yemen.

the two countries decided in

Oman said in September it would open an embassy in Aden after years of hostility over South Yemen's alleged support for a rebellion in Oman's mountainous province of Dhofar.

Mubarak, said willing to meet

ABU DHABI (R) — Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and Libvan leader Muammar Qadhafi are willing to meet and settle their differences. a senior willing to sudanese official said in an interview published on Thursday.

"Both leaders said they were

Col. Qadhafi has offered to:

Instalment plan for tax payments issued

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet to allow citizens to pay taxes on buildings and land in instalments. provided the total amount be ment said. paid within one year and provided that it does not exceed ID

The instructions added that those wishing to pay their dues on do so over a period of 18 months. instalments.

All real estate on which instalhas issued instructions to the au- ment payments can be made thorities in charge of real estate should be located within the boundaries of municipalities and local councils, a Cabinet state-

The statement also announced that fines imposed on students and other citizens for failing to meet their commitments to the amounts exceeding this limit can state can also be paid in monthly

Japanese envoy inspects donation to UNRWA

AMMAN (J.T.) — Japan's expected to be shipped from ambassador to Jordan, Akira Nakayama, on Thursday visited the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) training centre in Wadi Seer, where he inspected his government's donation of training equipment worth

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The donation consists of five vehicles and other training equipment which have been put in use

Another Japanese donation of training equipment worth \$210,000 also for the centre, is

Japan in December.

The Japanese government has also made available two experts and one coordinator to upgrade the level of training at the centre. This is in addition to training scholarships in Japan for eight instructors from the centre.

Japan, the second largest individual contributor to UNRWA, also made a donation of \$1,000,000 for constructing two school buildings for refugee children in Jerash camp.

70th anniversary of Bolshevik Revolution marked in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) - On the occa- cable of good wishes to the chairsion of the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, Soviet ambassador to Jordan, Alexander Zinchuk, and his wife hosted Club. The Thursday reception was attended by Speaker of the Ahmad Al Lawzi, Royal Court durable peace in the region. Chief Marwan Qasem, a number of ministers and civil and military officials, as well as heads of diplomatic missions in Amman.

man of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, Andrei Gromyko. In the cable, His Majesty reaffirmed that the existing ties of a reception at the Orthodox friendship and understanding between Jordan and the Soviet Union can serve as an incentive to Upper House of Parliament the achievement of a just and

The King also wished Mr. Gromyko continued good health and happiness and the Soviet Also on the occasion, His people continued progress and Majesty King Hussein sent a prosperity.

Celebrations planned for King's birthday

celebrate on Saturday, Nov. 14 He noted that invitations had His Majesty King Hussein's 52nd been sent to embassies, local and birthday. All government depart- foreign organisations, universiments and public institutions will be closed on that day to mark the occasion, in accordance with an official communique issued by the prime minister's office Thursday.

Celebrations on the occasion will be held throughout the Kingdom.

The Jordanian Industrial Estates Corporation earlier announced that preparations were completed for opening a week-long exhibition of Jordanian industrial products at Sahab Industrial City near Amman.

A corporation spokesperson said that a large number of Jordanian companies will display samples of their products and will be allowed to sell them directly to the public.

The exhibition is designed to highlight locally-manufactured products and to encourage by contributing to the national

ties, community colleges, schools and other institutions to visit the exhibition.

ment projects will be inaugurated on the occasion of the King's birthday, according to a spokesperson for the Maan govemor. He said that schools set up in the Maan region, at a cost of JD 3 million, will be among the projects to be inaugurated during the celebrations.

In addition, he said seven mosques will be inaugurated in the Maan Governorate. The celebrations also include the opening of the first phase of the sports complex in Maan, which cost JD 76,000, and a 211-kilometre agricultural road that cost some JD 1 million.

In Karak, a committee preparing for the King's birthday celebrations has organised variety citizens to buy these goods, there- shows in which national sones and dances will be performed.

AMMAN (J..T.) - Jordan will economy, the spokesperson said.

In Maan, a number of develop-

Arab leaders start arriving today

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Fahd's decision not to attend the

The first under-secretary at the official Iraqi delegation to the Hussein Jassem.

summit, arrived here Friday evening. Mr. Ismail and his accompanying delegation were received at the airport by Secretary General of the Foreign Minis-Iraqi Foreign Ministry, Mr. Noori try Nabih Al Nimer and Iraqi Ismail, who also is member of the Ambassador to Jordan Ghafel

Iraqis hit Bandar Khomeini

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the U.S. flag. Eleven Kuwaiti tankers have been re-registered as American so as to gain U.S. naval protec-

Agents for the Grand Wisdom said an Iranian gunboat approached from behind and let loose with rocket propelled grenades at the stern.

Then the gunboat, believed based at Abu Musa island some 65 kilometres from Dubai, raced along the starboard quarter of the ship, firing more grenades into

"The gunboat gave no warning to the Grand Wisdom," said a spokesman for the agents, adding that no crewmen were injured in the attack.

He said the ship was hit by five

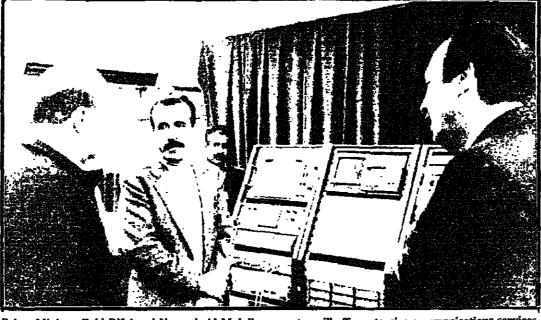
Reporters in a helicopter saw two big holes in the stern and two more in the side of the ship. which was attacked off the nearby

port of Jebel Ali. They said the Grand Wisdom was accompanied by the U.S. frigate Rentz before the tanker anchored off Dubai. "It's a bit like closing the barn door after the horse has fled," said one shipping agent in Dubai of the Rentz's escort mission.

Shipping sources said the Rentz would have been close enough to help the Grand Wisdom because it carries helicopter gunships equipped with night vision devices.

The Iranians attacked the tanker at 0415 a.m. (0015 GMT). about an hour before dawn, and would have taken at least an hour to get back to Abu Musa, the

sources said. In Washington, a Defence Department spokesman said that the Pentagon's concern was defending ships flying the American flag or vessels under escort by U.S.



Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Nassouh Al Majali, director of Jordan Radio and Television Corporation (right), inspects facilities at the summit press centre at the Al Hussein Youth City. The press

centre will offer extensive communications services to the hundreds of local and foreign journalists who will be covering the summit (Petra photo)

Arab envoys urge summit to adopt firm stand on challenges to Arab Nation

arrive at a minimum level of

inter-Arab understanding. "Am-

addressing the Lebanese conflict.

Israel still occupies the so-called

security belt in South Lebanon,

Nations Security Council Resolu-

Lebanese territories. The resolu-

tions also called on the U.N.

peace-keeping forces to support

the Lebanese army's deployment

tions, the ambassador said, were

never implemented despite Leba-

non's efforts on the regional and

international levels to end the

Lebanon pins much hope on

the Amman summit, due to the

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mit will assess the economic situa-

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Dr. Ziadeh said.

AMMAN (J.T.) - Arab ambas- He said that no solution could be sadors accredited to Jordan Friday underlined the importance of the Amman extraordinary summit conference and its implications for the future of joint Arab action and threats facing the Arab Nation.

Morocco's ambassador to Jordan, Abdul Latif Laraki, said that Morocco fully backed the Amman summit, saying that Moroc-can president, King Hassan II, has expressed his support to His Majesty King Hussein. The ambassador said that King Hussein has done all he can to unite the Arab World and to provide a suitable atmosphere for the success of the summit.

"I consider the Amman summit as a conference for Arab salvation because of the present Arab conditions, specially the Iran-Iraq war, which has become an Arab-Iranian war," Mr. Laraki said. He added that he hoped the conference would produce positive stands on all subjects to be discussed in order to stem the bloodletting in the Gulf.

He stressed the need for a real and practical position unequivocally backing Iraq. Mr. Laraki also pointed to the second article in the Joint Arab Defence Pact which has not yet been implemented. The article says that all aggressions against any Arab state is an aggression against all

The Moroccan ambassador said that the success of the Amman summit would reflect positively on all levels - political, economic, cultural and military.

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Jordan, Mohammad Al Fahd Al Issa, said there was no doubt that the Amman summit is being convened under exceptional conditions that require a real Arab unity and solidarity to look into issues that face the Arab Nation.

Mr. Issa expressed hope that Arab leaders will reach an agreement on the common, general principles by which to confront these challenges through a united Arab position. He said he was optimistic of the success of the conference and the achievement of the goals for which it is being convened. He said a united position was needed to stem conspiracies against the Arab Na-

Algeria's ambassador, Mohammad Burgham, said that the world's attention was focused on the war in the Gulf and the occupied Arab territories; thus, the focus is on Amman with expectations for the outcome of the extraordinary summit. He said he hoped that the summit would come up with clear decisions that are in harmony with the

expectations. North Yemen's ambassador, Ali Abdullah Abu Lahoum, said that the Arab masses have long awaited the convening of this summit, and that he was positive that the Arab leaders will assume their responsibility in this historic

Mr. Abu Lahoum said he hoped that the Arab leaders would unite their stands to face the dangers that threaten each Arab states separately. He said the Amman summit will have a great impact on the Arab Nation. and praised the efforts of King Hussein towards uniting Arab

The Sudanese ambassador to Jordan, Maghoub Radwan, said the venue of the conference was a positive element of the summit. as Amman was the location acceptable to all, in terms of

readiness and preparations. Mr. Radwan praised King Hussein's intensive efforts in his contacts with Arab leaders as a part of reaching out to all Arab states.

director of the Iraqi news agency in Amman, Sa'd Bazzaz, said Friday that the prevailing psychological atmosphere in Jordan was reached without Arab unity or at conducive to the success of the least a unity of position. Amman summit. Mr. Bazzaz said Lebanon's ambassador to Jorthat the Arab consensus in supdan, Dr. Butros Ziadeh, praised King Hussein, who he said gave port of Jordan as the venue for the summit came as an expressmuch of his time and effort to ion, on the part of Arab states, of

man has become a major station On the summit preparations, Mr. Bazzaz praised the excepfor Arab thought and a meeting point between all Arab states." tional organisation of facilities set up to accommodate the large He added that Lebanon is in number of participants in the need of effective resolutions to summit. He also praised the faciend its 13-year-old civil war. The lities and services extended to Lebanese people are hoping for a Arab and foreign journalists. solution that would bring about

Mr. Bazzaz said he hoped that national unity, security and stathe Amman summit will come up bility, especially at a time when with decisive resolutions to stem the economic situation threatens the Iranian aggression against the Arab Nation and to enhance joint to undermine the integrity of the Arab action against the enemies The ambassador said that many of the nation. analysts completely ignore the

the need to restore joint Arab

Qatari News Agency director and editor-in-chief, Ali Kuwari, Israeli invasion of Lebanon when said the extensive preparations made around the summit conference's site called for admiration. claiming that the security zone He praised the set-up of the will help fend off attacks against information centre at the Al Hussein Youth City, which is equip-Dr. Ziadeh referred to United ped with all facilities needed by journalists. He also thanked Pettions 508 and 509, which ordered ra for the facilities it is extending Israel to conduct an immediate to Arab and foreign news agenwithdrawal from the occupied

cies. Petra Director-General Ali Safadi met Friday with the director of the Saudi Press Agency, Mr. Badr Karim, Mr. Kuwari. and Mr. Mohammad Salem Marhoun, director of information in Oman. They reviewed the press services to be extended during the summit conference by the Jordan News Agency.

Arab press calls on summit to confront challenges

Arab newspapers and magazines focused their editorial comment on the extraordinary Arab summit, urging Arab leaders to adopt a firm stand vis-a-vis challenges facing the Arab Nation.

The Kuwaiti magazine Al He added that his government Majaliss, in an editorial published saw a clear link between the Gulf in the latest issue, called on Arab war and both the Palestinian leaders to take a firm and definite stand on all issues that threatens pan-Arab security, beginning with the Iranian aggression and attempts to expand the conflict in problems can be solved separately. "The simplest question.

however, lies in bringing about the Gulf. The Al Nahda Kuwaiti maga-Thereafter, the Palestinian queszine pointed, in a main article, to tion can be solved through conthe dangerous conditions witnesvening an international Middle sed by the Arab Gulf region as a East peace conference, and the result of the Iranian aggression. Iran-Iraq war could be solved saying that Iran was adopting an through implementing U.N. illogical attitude. It said that the relationship between Iran and the coverup attempts.

Security Council Resolution 598," the ambassador said. Zionist entity was more than a passing relationship despite all In a later interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, the

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the Agaba Region Authority in cooperation with the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives will be organising an exhibition of books, photos and historical documents at the Aqaba Municipality Park.

The exhibition will run from Nov. 11-13. All are invited.

> President of Aqaba Region Authority Bassam Eid Qaqish

Rifai conducts final review of summit preparations

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, president of the higher committee for summit preparation, on Friday inspected the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC), where His Majesty the King will formally open the extraordinary Arab summit tomorrow.

Mr. Rifai also visited the summit press centre located at the Al Hussein Youth City, where radio and television facilities have been set up to transmit summit news through satellites.

The centre is equipped with extensive communications equipment, including telephone, telex and facsimile services designed to facilitate the work of more than 600 journalists and press people who are expected to cover the

Journalists from all over the world are still arriving with expectations to clear all procedures required for securing press badges before the press conference to be held by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, official spokesman for the summit, today, in which he is to give a comprehensive review of the summit and answer journalists' questions. The press conference will be held at 9:30 a.m.

Foreign journalists are expected to contact the Ministry of Information office in the Jerusalem Hotel as soon as they arrive

in Amman, in order to ensure that their names are on the lists kept by the press office and the summit security office, both at the hotel. Badges are immediate- for security reasons. ly given to journalists whose names are on the list and if their names are not on the lists, assist-

ance will be given to each foreign journalist who wishes to attend the summit. to reach Amman tomorrow, only those journalists who work with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, will be allowed at the airport to taken steps to ensure facilities for the flow of news to and from the press centre at Al Hussein Youth

City, which will be open to all journalists. With the summit beginning tomorrow, the capital is well prepared to receive its honoured guests and is bedecked with flags. posters and decorative signs to mark the occasion.

Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh estimated the government has spent about

\$3 million to spruce up the capital for the summit.

Streets have been paved, curbstones painted, trees planted, buildings whitewashed, 25,000 flags hoisted and construction jobs finished in a three-week flurry of activity by 1,000 municipal

The Housing Bank complex. which is connected to the Plaza Hotel has been reserved for heads of state and is shut down

Police have blocked freshlypaved streets around the halfdozen luxury hotels set aside for the delegations.

Thousands of soldiers with automatic rifles have been posi-As 9 Arab leaders are expected tioned on roadsides and rooftops around the approaches to hotels and the RCC.

Tanks, anti-aircraft guns and armoured vehicles have also been cover the arrivals. But Petra has placed around the area as part of security operations.

In another event marking the occasion of the opening of the summit. Mr. Rawabdeh on Thursday opened a book exhibition at Amman Municipality.

In addition. Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani visited on Thursday the Public Security Department (PSD) and discussed with its director-general, Lieutenant-General Abdul Hadi Al Majali, final arrangements in preparation for the summit.

Political activist group appeals to summit to unify ranks, launch joint action

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - A number of Jordanian political activists Friday issued a statement in which they said that the Arab Nation looked forward to the extraordinary summit meeting this week and called on Arab leaders to exert all effort possible towards achieving agreement on joint Arab action.

In their statement made available to the Jordan Times on Friday, the activists, who form the Democratic Unionist Group, outlined their position on and expectations from the summit meeting which opens here on Sunday.

The group called for Arab unity vis-a-vis efforts to end the Gulf war, the auestion of Eg turn to the Arab fold and reviving efforts to solve the Lebanese con-

Following are major excerpts from the statement: The Arab Nation looks for-

ward to the extraordinary summit meeting of Arab leaders, hoping that this meeting would be a turning point towards the pan-Arab course and towards facing up to the many pressing issues facing the Arab Nation. The Arab Nation looks forward to a solidarity that is capable of finding solutions — no matter how

modest, and to a return to the loosing, as a result, the nation's necessary level of joint Arab ac- identity and independence. tion, the revitalising of Arab League institutions and charters on the defence, economic and political levels.

"Because Arab foreign minis-

ters have decided that the summit convenes only to discuss the Iran-Iraq war, some of our leaders have been able to reach an agreement that opened the way for dialogue on all issues that concern the Arab Nation and hinder its drive towards achieving development and unity. We are proud of the great pan-Arab role being played by Jordan in this field under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein.

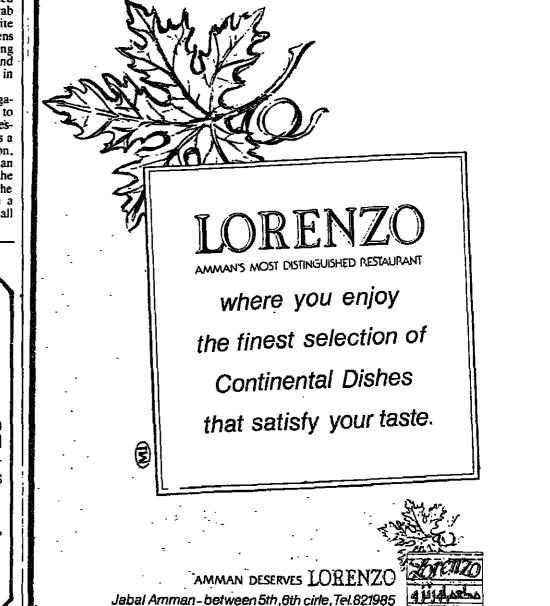
This is why we join our voice citizens and their friends in the discuss the Lebanon problem world, to call on the summiteers in Amman to exert the necessary efforts, no matter how great, to reach the solutions sought or, at sed for reconsidering the question

that is capable of ending the Gulf every Arab state and every Arab war rests on a pan-Arab formula cause. We cannot underestimate that is based on a total conviction the importance of the Egyptian of the need to favour higher role in the pan-Arab march in this pan-Arab interests over separate dangerous stage of our contemnational considerations, with the porary history. We are confident aim of avoiding the Arab Nation's deterioration and destruc- Arab leaders are able to find a tion, and to avoid falling under suitable formula for these reladirect foreign hegemony and

"Second: The extraordinary summit is a suitable opportunity to restore relations between Jordan, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation to their natural course. We believe such relations form the cornerstone in making a success of efforts towards a political settlement that would be in harmony with national and pan-Arab aspirations, or establish the basis for long-term struggle on the Eastern front of the occupied homeland.

"Third: The Arab people of Lebanon expect help from their nation to overcome their tragedy. with that of millions of Arab This is another opportunity to with the seriousness it deserves.

"Fourth: Enough time has pasleast, to put their feet on this of Egypt's relations with Arab states. President Hosni Mubarak "First: The unity of Arab ranks has made clear his concern for that the Egyptian leader and



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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

Al Ra'i: Amman opens its arms

WITH pride and appreciation and warm welcome, Amman opens its arms and heart to the leaders of the Arab Nation who start converging on the capital for Sunday's summit conference. This warm welcome from the people of Jordan to the Arab leaders is coupled with hope that the meeting will yield fruitful results and fulfil the aspiration of the Arab masses. The Arab masses feel that their leaders shoulder a serious responsibility towards their people and towards their problems, and also believe there should be no obstacle laid in the path of an all-out Arab struggle against the enemies of the Arab World. No one should forget that it was Jordan that has been spearheading efforts for rallying the Arabs and urging them to build up their intrinsic force for joint action against the enemies of the Arab Nation. Arab struggle against these enemies should continue for regaining usurped Arab rights and lands and for re-establishing peace based on justice. The coming Arab summit is the best forum for charting such strategy which is presently needed now that all their endeavours to regain their rights and to stop aggression on their land have failed. Pan-Arab struggle is the only path before the Arabs who are confronted by the enemy's defiance and aggression.

Al Dustour: Embracing Arab leaders

AMMAN has completed preparations for the coming extraordinary Arab summit conference opening Sunday, and its streets and public buildings have been bedecked with flags and other decorative signs welcoming the Arab heads of state. This capital has thus opened its arms fo the Arab leaders, welcoming them here and wishing them success in fusing solidarity among their countries. The people of Jordan, like those in the rest of the Arab homeland, have hope and confidence in the outcome of the summit and they all aspire for unified ranks and solidarity before any joint action can be taken to confront the common challenges. Arab security is being exposed to danger and continuous threats, and the Arab leaders ought to arrive at a formula with which to fend off the danger and deter the aggressors. Lack of pan-Arab action in the past few years encouraged the enemies of this nation to pursue expansionist plans and continue their aggression on the Arabs. It has now become clear that the Arabs have only one option: To confront the challenges together and in a unified rank, so that Arab security can be safeguarded and Arab order preserved and protected. Success of the coming summit means a deterrence to the enemies of the Arab Nation and a first step

towards taking other measures to abort their evil objectives. Sawt Al Shaah: Full agenda for summit

THE coming summit to open Sunday in Amman has a host of questions to deal with and important issues to settle. Before an agreement on the summit was taken the Arabs had been complaining of the mounting difficulties they are facing in view of their differences and continued disputes and divisions. The Arab masses had always thought that an end to many ills should be charted at a summit where the leaders can take irrevocable steps for putting things in their right perspective. The summit which materialises in Amman on Sunday has the opportunity now to fulfil these aspirations and to help the Arabs resolve their differences and deal with their problems. One of the common issues pertaining to Arabs at large is the Palestine question on which there must be consensus and total agreement, so that the Arab countries can forge ahead at international forums. seeking a just and durable solution through an international conference. Another chronic issue is the Iran-Iraq conflict which has been raging for the past seven years, and which requires serious and joint action on the part of the Arab Nation. The Lebanese question should also acquire time and effort from the Arab heads of state because it is a duty of the Arab countries to help save their sister state and end the civil strife that caused much tragedy and sufferings to the

Thursday's

Al Raï: Media reflect people's hopes

THE coming extraordinary Arab summit and the hopes attached to it have been attracting the attention of Arab information media and press which continue to call for Arab solidarity and to look to a positive outcome from the coming meeting. The Arab media are no doubt expressing the thoughts and feelings of the Arab masses who await constructive steps from the coming meeting with which the Arab Nation can tackle the common threats and dangers. The aspired common strategy and hopes for joint action are no miracle to achieve; and they are indeed vital for the Arab Nation in view of the present difficult circumstances and the dangers looming in the offing. It should be said that the absence of Arab solidarity and the lack of joint action have been responsible for the delay in ending the Gulf conflict and the failure to bring about a return of the rights of the Arab people in Palestine. The coming meeting in Amman is a must. and a consensus is a vital move on the part of the Arab heads of state. The coming summit is a golden opportunity which should be exploited for the benefit of the Arab Nation; and it is the duty of the Arab leaders to shoulder their duty and responsibility towards their nation. The Arab information media have been full of optimism about the result of the summit, describing it as opening a new chapter in inter-Arab relations and also as a stepping stone towards achieving the aspirations of the Arab people

Al Dustour: Leaders respond to the masses

THERE is no doubt that the convening of an Arab summit meeting in Amman at this crucial moment in Arab history is an indication that Arab leaders have at last responded to the need of the Arab masses. These leaders who will gather in Amman on Sunday are aware of the various dangers and threats posed against their nation and have opted to discussing proper measures to deal with problems that plague Arab countries. It should also be noted that choosing Amman as a venue for the meeting that has been delayed for so long should be regarded as a show of recognition to Jordan's role in rallying the Arabs and also a show of appreciation and support for King Hussein's endeavours to bring together the Arab brothers to examine vital issues for their nation. It is therefore quite natural for Arab information media and the press to show optimism and keen interest in the coming meeting. We share these feelings and this optimism and sincerely hope that the Nov. 8 meeting will be crowned with total

VIEW FROM AMMAN

The Arab summit: The Israeli reality

IN the shadow of Jerusalem — in chains, its holy places, Al Aqsa Mosque and the Holy Sepulchre Church, shrouded in sadness our leaders convene their summit in Amman. Over the past two decades, since 1967, hardly a day passes without some sort of violence being meted out by the Israelis on the land of Palestine and its peoples or on the surrounding countries. Of late, the Israeli "authorities" have taken to using hunting rifles. The latest victim "hunted" by the Israelis was Izhaq Abu Suroor, a 22-year-old student at Bethlehem University. The Palestinians, indeed all the Arabs, have been hunted physically, psychologically and verbally for so long that the world has become immune to the cruel spectacle. The Lebanese need no longer be "hunted" by Israel, they simply get slaughtered in their place.

As usual this week was another busy one in the life of the area. Hardly had Mr. George Shultz concluded another one of his "fact finding" missions to the area: ostensibly to find out what the situation looks like - he does not know!-; then Mr. Jacques Chirac. France's premier arrived to visit Israel; while Mr. Geoffrey Howe visited Jordan. Both the British and the French, heirs to the legacy of the Sykes-Picot Agreement and the Balfour Declaration, were in the area on the seventieth anniversary of the latter declaration. Both strongly urged Premier Yitzhak Shamir to realise that there is no alternative to an international peace conference.

The Israelis, Mr. Shamir and Mr. Peres too have other ideas, not the least of which is that neither the Likud nor the Labour wish to evacuate the occupied territories. Mr. Shamir was very open about the whole situation when he advised that Israel has no wish to evacuate what he calls "Eretz Israel" including Jerusalem, "eternally united". He advised the Arabs to live with this new reality and to stop indulging themselves in dreams. Surely the Arabs should not live in dreams!

Everybody has been urging Mr. Shamir and before him Mr. Peres and before him Mr. Begin and before that Mr. Rabin and before that Mrs. Golda Meyer to abide by United Nations resolutions and seriously enter a process of negotiations towards that end. Over the past twenty years hundreds of statesmen, politicians, labour leaders, women's delegations, Australians, Americans, Greeks, Columbians, Africans and others have visited the area, "found" the facts and urged the various Israeli leaders to do what they ought to do. Even the Italian porn queen and legislator from the Italian Radical Party, Cicciolina, "clutching a pink stuffed elephant" visited Israel recently and got into the act. She chided Israel coalition partners to stop quartelling among themselves and urged them "to agree among themselves so they can unite the world..."!. She seems to have assessed the Israeli scene correctly and that country's power too!

Neither Mr. Peres before, nor Mr. Shamir now have any intention to negotiate over Palestine. That is, for them, a meal in the process of digestion and their eyes are roaming elsewhere. It was the Labour not the Likud that occupied the land in 1967 and it was this party that "united" Jerusalem and established the settlements. It ruled Israel until 1977 and since has been an active partner, or at least an accessory to the facts. With the help of Mr. Kissinger it managed to forestall any meaningful dialogue that may lead to evacuation and has been just as active in expanding the frontiers of Israel as the Likud of Messers Begin and Shamir.

The scene since 1967 has been stage-managed with such skill and originality, accelerated as it was to further confuse and obfuscate that even the very active watcher tends to be confused and to forget. Who knows if it was Mr. Kissinger or someone else who divided the roles between the "good guys" who want to but cannot and the "bad guys" who are bad, but get away with it anyway! The money, the moral, political and military support not only does not diminish but continues to increase. And whether it is the Likud or Labour, Israeli power continues on the increase and it remains a de facto NATO ally without the latter's responsibility or constraint and the strategic ally who can do no wrong.

In the name of Iran Mr. Rafsanjani effectively rejected U.N. Resolution 598 while both Likud and Labour are caught up in their own state-managed stalemate. Neither Iran nor Israel seem to have the urge to come to an amicable conclusion to the hostilities or to end their aggression against us. This is the ugly and the bitter reality

that we have to face.
What can we do? Much can be done in the short term like taking a common stand vis-a-vis both Iran and Israel. Abandon the meaningless tangential battles and concentrate on the imminent dangers. Readmit Egypt into the Arab fold and seek to reactivate the joint Arab Defence Pact. If the past decade indicates anything it is that Arab national security is indivisible and it should cover the rich as well as the poor Arabs. Plan the future in a rational way and open the ranks so the decision process is not the privilege of the few but the responsibility of all. If not now someone, someday is bound to ask, how did we get into this mess? Finally, support those steadfast in the occupied territories and countries like Jordan, Iraq, Syria and others standing in the forefront.

Beirutis carry on because they must

By Jasper Mortimer

out of its face. But in one dark and grubby room on the ground month from fixing radiators. With a wife and three children to support, he cannot afford to pay for premises. So he has moved into a derelict building 50 metres from the west Beirut barricade. 'I work here." he said of his frontline position, "because I

On the other side of the "Green Line" — the zig-zag of barricades that divides Muslim west Beirut from Christian east entrance to a bomb shelter than a block into a home for his wife and 13 children. In such a large area

THE building barely stands. The his one bed and three cupboards roof has gone, the upper floor is look spare, but there is food in rubble, and hundreds of bullets the kitchen. He is taking a have gouged chunks of masonry chance, though, because the block stands just inside no man's

floor, Salah Thahar has his work-shop. He earns 10,000 Lebanese Line has become a haven for the pounds (now worth only \$37) a war's homeless. Many thousands of Muslims who have fled the Falange in east Beirut, as Mr. Thahar has, or the Israelis in South Lebanon have come here. Devastation makes for cost-free Walking around Ashrafiya.

east Beirut, and Bab Edriss, west

Beirut, one learns how people manage to live in neighbourhoods lacerated by war. Boys play soccer in the forecourt of a high-rise. The ground floor is sand-bagged, Beirut — is Salon Nicholas. a shell has punched a hole in the Fronted by a wall of breeze entrance roof, and the walls blocks, it looks more like the above are peppered with bullet holes. A woman watches the boys hairdresser's. Inside the chairs from a balcony, Her windows are are empty. "The shop used to be full." said the proprieter, who on a terrace out of the line of fire. would not give his name. "I One warns the stranger not to worked from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. proceed further for fear of snipwith four colleagues." Now he ers. Faces in another window has two or three clients a day. As watch the camera-carrying forethousands of Lebanese do, he igner. "What d'you want, missurvives on money sent from ter?" say eyes that have seen abroad, in his case a sister in everything. The Green Line peo-Kuwait. However, it is not ple cling to their homes even as enough to allow him to move to a the no man's land envelopes safer suburb. Like Mr. Thahar. them. Like a tortoise withdrawhe is stuck. Vegetable-vendor ing into its shell, they have Naameh Soufane has turned the learned to take cover and to fifth storey of a modern office reemerge. They do not always succeed.

In recent months the Green

Rockets and sniper bullets still fly, but are intermittent. With the deployment of Syrian troops in west Beirut in February, the intra militia battles have receded. "It is now an economic war," a resident explained. "The enemy is inflation." As the Lebanese pound falls drastically against the dollar, shops on both sides of Beirut raise their prices every few days. But salaries do not rise. Five out of six of the west-side refugees claimed incomes as low as 1,500LL to 5,000LL a month, now \$6 and \$19. While one suspects a natural tendency to understate, the Middle East Council of Churches has found other indicators of borderline existence. "We have had children fainting of hunger in the schools," said Michel Abs. the director of the MECC's emergency relief programme. He has seen children wearing old clothes. holes in their shoes, and eating tea and stale bread "just to fill their stomachs." Perhaps the worst aspect of the refugees' poverty is psychological. The

depression and humiliation. On the opposite pole to the deprime are those who have profited from the war. The biggest profiters have been the militias. They have taxed the ports, businesses, restaurants and even home-owners. Every truck that crossed the Green Line at Kafa'at, carrying anything from food to furniture, payed about 250LL in militia dues. With funds pouring in from these gun-point

change has made them deprime.

a word Abs translated as deep

Line has been reasonably quiet. levies, the militias have become major employers. A prime source of recruits is the high number of unemployed along the Green Line. "If you haven't got a job, what can you do?" said a young man. Whatever their faults the militia do pay a salary of about

The war creates poverty, the poor swell the ranks of the militias and the militias continue the war. "When will it end?" 70-yearold Bea, asked. In the 12 years of war she has had militias battling below her balcony, the Israeli army using the roof of her apartment block as an observation post, a shell from the USS New Jersey hitting the apartment above, a car-bomb blowing her door to bits, and her windows reglazed four times. In her own home she feels "continual

When one asks how people sustain such conditions one hears of no special formula, no inspiring principle. Ibrahim Issa said he goes on, selling kebabs and coffee round the corner from a barricade, because "I have to." He believes the war will end, but has no more reason than "everything in life has an end." A more sober view of the future came from Fady Abboud of the Lebanese Red Cross. "We have to say." he said, "there is no hope." Yet like radiator repairman Thaher, panelbeater Ali. and housewife Bea, Fady will continue to pursue his life on the edge of the Green Line. They carry on because they must - Middle East Internation-

LETTERS

To animal lovers

To the Editor:

WISH to comment on Nermeen Murad's report (Jordan Times, Oct. 29-30, 1987) about eliminating stray dogs and cats in Amman. It is not the fault of the animals that "not all dogs and cats are cute and friendly." It is initially the fault of humans that there are strays at all. If people want dogs or cats then they should be prepared to look after them properly or not have them. If they have them and then decide they do not want them then they should either make the effort to find them another home or have them humanely put down. not turn them loose on the streets to cause accidents, be a nuisance, breed indiscriminately, and spread

In Greece cats and dogs were being poisoned with strychnine which meant a very slow agonising and unnecessarily cruel death. Others were shot. (Shooting is all very well if it's accurate, but how many animals run off badly injured to die in agony?) The Hellenic Animal Welfare Society in Athens stepped in at the suggestion of the Greek Animal Welfare Fund in England, which helped out with funds to help neuter cats and dogs, (males as well as females), to prevent the birth of thousands of unwanted kittens and puppies. Cats in parks were trapped and neutered, earmarked and turned loose again. This was because if they were eliminated altogether, there would be an increase in vermin. Dog owners were encouraged to bring their animals to HAWS clinic and have them neutered. Car stickers and posters were printed to advertise the facts. Education on the subject, and general kindness and commonsense towards all animals, is now being taught in some schools, and the Greek newspapers run animal articles from time to time. A new large dog and cat shelter is actually being built by HAWS and GAWF outside Athens at

I am amazed to hear of citizens being "swamped by stray dogs and cats in their neighbourhoods." I have been here three months and have only seen one dog so far, and that was chained up behind a house all day with no exercise and no sort of life to enjoy. If people have dogs for guard duty they should have exercise daily. Owners should think how they would feel themselves, being kept on a chain 24 hours a day.

I do not understand why Dr. Abdel Majid advises people not to keep pets in their homes. There is not much point in having a pet (which is usually for companionship) if you only see it outside sometimes. Some animals have cleaner habits than humans. If they are properly looked after there should be no problems.

I assume that there is no dog pound in Amman to deal with strays? All pet dogs should by law have collars with numbered tags on them. This should ensure that any caught are returned to owners if they genuinely have got lost. In England, pounds or animal rescue homes keep them for a few days before putting them down humanely if they cannot be re-homed. I am fully aware that the Arab attitude to animals is different from ours in England. I am also fully aware that there are many human problems in the Middle East, but that does not alter the fact that dogs and cats exist and are here to stay, and need to be catered

Are there any animal lovers among your readers who care enough to do something constructive about the situation? The Society for the Protection of Animals in North Africa has already suggested encouraging the evolution of a Jordanian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in their summer newsletter. applaud the idea, and would be pleased to hear from anybody

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Not right Mr. Michel

To the Editor:

I AM an 11-year-old Jordanian and I usually read our newspaper, the Jordan Times. In the Jordan Times issue of October 31, I read that the Belgian Interior Minister Joseph Michel bad described us Arabs, among others, as "barbarians."

I know that the Arabs and other peoples that Mr. Michel referred to are most certainly not barbarians. When he said we had nothing in common with civilisation, he was completely, undeniably, wrong. We practically started civilisation. In every history or geography, and in every social studies publication, you read about the Arabs and about how they practically started civilisation. Words are like a tube of toothpaste, once the paste is out can't go back in. As someone said, "a man of words and not of deeds, is like a garden full of weeds."

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The Greeks have a word for it

The worry beads are doing overtime as the Greek government ponders its misfortunes. Andriana lerodiaconou examines the election fever that is gripping the nation.

popular pastimes in Greek political life is trying to guess the date of the next general election and it to hundreds of deaths and generby Mr. Andreas Papandreou, the

Socialist Prime Minister. The reshuffle, the thirteenth since the Pan Hellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) came to power six years ago, restored a strong party presence to the government by reinstating three senior party figures ousted from their ministerial jobs in the twelfth government change last February.

The next elections are due in June 1989, when Pasok's second four year term in power, secured with 46 per cent of the vote in 1985, expires. But Mr. Papandreou has the constitutional leeway to hold earlier elections should he judge such a move to be politically expedient.

At present, however, the government is labouring under a massive crisis of confidence. It is only partly traceable to the stringent economic stabilisation measures and the pro-American shift in foreign policy introduced by Mr. Papandreou on the heels of the 1985 elections, without either much warning to the public or consultation within his own party

For months. Greek press headlines, including those of left wing papers broadly sympathetic to Pasok, have been dominated by news damaging to the government, starting last winter with a barrage of allegations of misuse of funds in the public sector which continues still. Summer, normally a time when the public turns its mind away from the blunders of its politicians towards

ATHENS - One of the most the beach, provided no respite this vear.

has been a flourishing pastime ated macabre chaos in state hossince the September 22 reshuffle pitals and cemeteries, followed pitals and cemeteries, followed by persistently high levels of atmospheric pollution in Athens through the first weeks of autumn, focused attention mercilessly on the failure of the important "quality of life" plank in the Socialists' 1981 and 1985 election platform. More recently newspapers have turned to an even more sensitive topic - the prime minister's private life.
The interest of Greece's nor-

mally tolerant press and public opinion was sparked by an injudicious newspaper attack. apparently organised by sources close to Mr. Papandreou, on the political activities of the prime minister's dynamic American wife, Mrs. Margaret Papandreou. Mrs. Papandreou, founder of the feminist Union of Greek Women. was attacked for allegedly planning to set up her own women's political party, reports she denied

But the exchange was enough to spark off a series of Greek press articles, the substance of which has not been denied, claiming that Mr. and Mrs. Papandreou's marriage of 36 years was strained over the prime minister's alleged relationship with another woman.

While the political cost remains to be counted, the tenor of Greek public reaction was efficiently captured in a September 28 editorial carried in Elftherotypia, a leading left wing daily: "Everybody has the right to reject his private life being made public. But when the person concerned is

a politician who embodies a nation's hopes for progress and change... More careful movements and a greater sensitivity to public reaction is required." the newspaper warned.

A set of opinion polls conducted last summer showed voter support for Pasok to have plunged between 25 per cent and 28 per cent, a 10 year low. While internal dissent has prevented Mr. Constantine Mitsotakis' Conservative New Democracy (ND) party. Pasok's main challenger. from capitalising fully on the Socialists' losses, the same polls nevertheless gave the Conservatives a 6 per cent to 7 per cent

The sole encouraging figure for the government is the high level of voters registering as unde-cided, ranging from 15 per cent to 30 per cent.

Against this background, some analysts argue that Mr. Papandreou would profit by cutting his losses and holding early general elections in the spring of 1988. The government, it is argued, could thus capitalise on the relaxation of wage policy it has promised in January 1988, to mark the formal end of the two year stabilisation programme introduced in 1985.

This timing would also bring the elections forward of the conclusion of negotiations, expected to start in early November, for a renewal of the 1983 to 1985 agreement on the operation of the four U.S. military bases in Greece. Renewing the bases' tenure could cost Mr. Papandreou radical left votes, despite the prime minister's pledge to fight for an agreement which serves Greece's interests rather than those of its rival Turkey, and to submit any such agreement to a

referendum before signature. An alternative school of

dreou would do best to play for time and more favourable circumstances by exhausting his term. Elections in 1989, it is reasoned, would give the government greater freedom to continue stabilisation efforts in 1988. allowing a more substantial increase in wages the following year than can at present be countenanced.

By then, analysts argue, the Socialists can hope to have put some of the adverse publicity behind them. As for the bases. the terms of the present agreement would allow the prolongation of negotiations beyond December 1988. Alternatively a new agreement involving the closure of at least one base - a scenario widely discussed as likely could be presented as a victory against Washington.

Meanwhile opposition parties on both the left and right have joined forces in demanding early elections now. The smaller parties, including the pro-Moscow Communist Party of Greece, are also calling for a change in the electoral system which at present is weighted in favour of larger parties to a direct proportional system under which the share of seats gained in the 300 member house would be directly equiva-

lent to the share of votes. New Democracy, in a show of bravado, has said that while it favours the present system as more conducive to stable majority governments, it will engage Pasok under a direct proportional system if it has to.

So far the government's response to all this has been the stock reiteration that elections will be held in 1989 and that the country enjoys an adequate electoral system.

- Finiancial Times feature.

Threat of asteroid breakup worries American scientists

By Scott Thybony National Geographic

FLAGSTAFF, Arizona — The explosive breakup of a small asteroid as it entered Earth's atmosphere would produce a large fireball and shockwave that would slap the ground with such force that it could be confused with a nuclear blast.

"Mistaken identity is the concern," says Eugene M. Shoemaker, who's been studying the tiny rock-and-metal planets for 30 years. "Most people would be sure they'd been nuked."

The explosion of an asteroid 50 feet in diameter, he explains, would be virtually identical to that of a nuclear bomb, minus the radiation. He fears that an errant asteroid, if it exploded over a populated area, could trigger a nuclear exchange among nations.

"I have significant concerns with these kinds of events, because they have a very high probability of happening every few decades," says Shoemaker, an astrogeologist with the U.S. Geological Survey here.

"I'm not peddling gloom and doom about the direct effect of this object." he emphasises. The physical hazards of an exploding asteroid, as opposed to the human response to it, are "very small potatoes" compared with such natural disasters as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, he

Shoemaker figures that such a midair explosion over a populated area might occur only once every few centuries.

Fortunately, no asteroid has yet self-destructed over a city. About 20 years ago, an unknown object exploded with a halfmegaton force — the power of 500,000 tonnes of TNT — over the South Atlantic. At first the Air Force thought it was a nuc-

By Michael Conlon

Reuter

CHICAGO — The ink used to

print newspapers may some day

come from farm fields instead of

Today most newspaper ink is

made of oil, but the long-term

uncertainty about the price of

petroleum products and the ex-

pense involved in disposing of

waste products has prompted a

So far the soybean — a source

search for new ways to make ink.

of a vegetable oil that is both

relatively cheap and biodegrad-

able — is a leading contender.

Publishers Association (ANPA),

which started researching non-

mineral oil inks in 1980 and now

holds patents on two such pro-

The American Newspaper

Investigators concluded that a

meteoroid — a small asteroid had blown up as it entered the atmosphere over the remote stretch of ocean.

The heavens are full of asteroids, most of them orbiting between Mars and Jupiter.

An estimated 2,000 of them that are larger than one kilometre in diameter — about six-tenths of a mile - are on trajectories that will intersect Earth's. Only about 60 of these have been seen. A collision between Earth and one of the 60 isn't likely for millions

How close the others are is unknown. The chances that one will strike Earth in a given year are calculated at three in a million. But there's always a chance.

A likelier prospect is the explosive disintegration of a smaller asteroid as it enters Earth's atmosphere. Smaller asteroids, undetected by telescopes on Earth, number in the millions.

Shoemaker and his astronomer wife, Carolyn, spend their summers searching the deserts of Australia for remnants of asteroid impact craters. During the winter they scan the night skies from the Palomar Observatory in California, searching for approaching asteroids that eventually might collide with Earth.

Since Shoemaker's hunt began in 1973, he and his colleagues have learned that the type of atmospheric meteoroid explosion that occurred two decades ago is

Many scientists believe that impacts from asteroids or comets have caused cataclysmic worldwide environmental disasters in ages past.

Shoemaker is one of those who see conclusive evidence for at least two mass extinctions from such rare cosmic collisions — one some 65 million years ago, near the end of the Cretaceous period, which ended the age of dinosaurs,

Search for ink may boost farm

experimented with or switched to

There are 1,650 newspapers in

the United States and they use

about 250 million pounds (112

million kg) of printing ink each

year, according to the ANPA.

soybean oil and an oil from wood

pulping called "tall oil." The lat-

ter works very well, an ANPA

researcher told Reuters, but its

price fluctuates more than soy-

bean oil because it is used in

other products, such as linoleum.

are in abundant supply after years

of surplus production. As of September 1, there were 436 mil-

lion bushels of raw soybeans in

storage in the United States in

addition to 1.8 billion pounds

On the other hand, soybeans

The ANPA patents involve

ink made from soybean oil.



Scanning the night sky from California's Palomar Observatory, astrogeologist Eugene M. Shoemaker and his astronomer wife, Carolyn, search for asteroids that eventually might collide with Earth. Such events are rare. The explosive breakup of smaller usteroids as they enter the atmosphere is not so rare.

and the other some 35 million odds against a major Earth-asteryears ago, during the late Eocene

While controversy surrounds the disappearance of the dinosaurs, Shoemaker thinks the extinction of other species at that time can be pinpointed precisely.

When you have a rock made up of fossils, when a hand-size specimen consists of millions of fossils, then you know what you're dealing with," he says. "We have that for the microscopic organisms — the phytoplankton, the algae, and the zooplankton. These show that, yes indeed, 95 per cent of low-latitude zooplankton went out - bang! - in a very short interval of time." Despite the overwhelming

30 American newspapers have Each bushel of beans yields about ment costs are still entering into

The American Soybean Asso-

ciation estimates there is a poten-

tial newspaper ink market for

between 300 million and 350 mil-

lion pounds (135 to 155 million

Cost is still a factor, however,

as only small amounts of soy-

based ink currently are produced.

The association estimates that

basic petroleum-based black ink

sells for 47 cents per pound, with

a higher quality mineral ink cost-

ing perhaps 65 cents per pound. In comparison, a good soy-based

ink sells for about 83 cents per

produced, the price will go down.

"It is expensive, but the price is

kg) of soybean oil a year.

10.8 pounds (five kg) of oil.

oid collision in the predictable future, Shoemaker thinks the potential consequences are serious enough that a complete census should be taken of asteroids, large enough to be detected by ground-based telescopes, that might cross the planet's orbit.

And he thinks today's technology might meet the challenge of preventing what could be a civilisation-ending nightmare.

"An asteroid impact is a very large natural catastrophe that is accurately predictable in advance and is even technically preventable," he says. "It presents a rather interesting challenge for the human race. Whether we can rise to it, I'm not sure.'

Any massive shift to soy-based newspaper ink would help far-

mers and processors, an econom-

ist for the Soybean Association

said. Currently the United States

consumes about 106 billion

pounds (48 billion kg) of edible

soy oil each year and exports

around 1.1 billion pounds (500

In addition to the uncertain

future of petrochemical prices,

the cost of disposing of sludge ink

left over from the printing pro-cess is a growing headache for

Some newspapers have said

only a fraction of that when it was

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still settling in." an association they spend \$300 a barrel for safe researcher said. "When more is disposal of something that cost

U.N. agency seeks dignity for 12 million refugees, then homes

GENEVA — War and civil strife have forced 12 million men. women and children to seek sanctuary in foreign lands, where they live on international hand-outs and hope some day to go home.

"It's not a very rosy picture," Jean-Pierre Hocke, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) told Reuters in a recent interview. "It implies so much human suffering, lack of hope, uncertainty about the fu-

Refugees driven from homelands by violence or persecution circle the globe but their numbers rise sharply where war and bloody political conflicts have become a way of life.

From the horn of Africa through the strife-torn central and southern regions of the continent, there are four to five million refugees.

The war in Afghanistan, where Soviet troops intervened in 1979, has pushed three million refugees into Pakistn and two million into Iran - a third of the pre-war Afghan population.

The wars in South East Asia drove 1.5 million people from their countries in recent years, and more than 140,000 refugees are still under UNHCR protection and seeking a permanent home. Another 250,000 people, Kampucheans who fled across the Thair border, have as yet to be put under UNHCR protection.

Some 300,000 refugees live in Central America or Mexico, having fled from one or another of

Hocke, armed only with a 1951 U.N. convention on refugees, works to protect and provide for this is the best investment one can these people. His goal is to help offer so that when the day comes as many as possible return to their homes when it is safe.

"Over the past year some 250,000 refugees went home on a voluntary basis. We are very about himself and his environpleased about this," Hocke said. Yet others have shown up and, in the same period, some 600,000 new refugees have appeared throughout the world. Hocke, a dynamic 49-year-old

Swiss, earned a reputation as a superb director of field operations at the International Red Cross before taking up his three-year mandate as UNHCR in

Backed by a staff of 2,250 and a budget of \$367 million. Hocke has reorganised the UNHCR and launched a drive to redirect the

'We have undertaken a great effort to go beyond emergency assistance, handing out a cup of rice every day." Hocke said.

"Increasingly we also fight to enable these refugees to be allowed to do something - to grow some food, to earn some money, to produce something.

"Such self-sufficiency will never go beyond a rather modest level yet, from the human point of view, it's essential to help a refugee feel he is still responsible for his destiny and to retain his dignity.

Some host governments were uneasy with UNHCR efforts to train and educate refugees, and felt that such policies could even prove costly at election time.

them that when a refugee retains his dignity by doing something, that he can return to his country,

he will have the courage to do so. "If you force someone into ment, you will have people who will be afraid to go back, who won't have the courage or the strength to return," Hocke said.

The UNHCR under Hocke has launched some 10 refugee-training projects around the world, covering afforestation, farming, new skills through workshops and other "income generating"

Hocke noted differences in refugees from the 1950s, when many individuals fled from persecution because of their race, religion or beliefs.

'Today, violence — civil wars, international conflicts, internal upheavals — have increasingly affected civilian populations, Hocke said.

One result has been that the UNHCR now estimates about 50 per cent of all refugees are children between one and 15 years old and another 25 per cent are

Concern that so many children could become a generation of semi-literate refugees prompted Hocke's drive to provide health and education. He hopes such measures will help refugees return to their societies as useful

In recent years it has become increasingly difficult to make governments differentiate between legitimate refugees, fleeing persecution or violence, and those arriving in new lands to escape economic hardships or

poverty at home. Western Europe and North America have become the preferred havens of many asylum seekers, often provoking fierce reac-

tions from local communities. "Western Europe, Canada, the United States have in recent years been struck by massive arrivals of asylum seekers, Hocke said.

Governments have been frightened by so many people arriving from the Third World, and the general public has at times been hostile, he added. "Yes, it's a problem, it's new,

it's difficult, it's dangerous, it might imply political consequences in a country — especially at election time.

"But it's obvious that no single country can solve the problem, and by trying to do so only passes the burden to its neighbour and the neighbour will not accept the problem," he added.

Hocke believes that in the long-run the massive influx of refugees and asylum seekers into Western Europe and North America may be seen as an un-

avoidable migratory trend. To bring greater understanding to the problem. Hocke has hosted a series of meetings with governments over the past two years to discuss refugees such as Tamils and Iranians who have sparked sharp controversy.

Why not sit together and discuss the problem," Hocke says. "It is something we must work

Scientists search for Rembrandt's bones find any bones is 'that must be dup in the bones, since painters in The search for Rembrandt is

By Abner Katzman The Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Anatomical researchers have set out to find the remains of Dutch master painter Rembrandt under the floor of an old church.

The impetus for the search came late in October when workers restoring the 17th century Western church in Amsterdam turned up the skeletal remains of people buried under the church. as was the custom until the mid-

Rembrandt died in 1669 at age 63 and was buried in the church, Amsterdam's first Protestant house of worship.

knows, since the financially beleaguered artist's family could only afford a spot in one of the multiple graves for less well-off members of the congregation, and those carry no names. A 20th century plaque in mem-

ory of Rembrandt stands near the grave of his son, for want of a better place. To do the detective work, the

church contacted Leiden University's anatomical laboratory, The Netherlands' pre-eminent research institution for physical anthropology and physiology.

But university researchers minimise the chances of ever being able to identify Rembrandt's remains after more than

three centuries. "One of the problems with the church people," observed ex-"is the first thing they say if they detection of excessive lead buil-

Rembrandt'.'

In coming months, the Leiden lab specialists will analyse the contents of the flagstone-covered graves that cover the 1,300square-metre church interior.

They agreed to take on the job as part of their ongoing research into Dutch growth patterns and diseases in past centuries.

"However interesting Rembrandt's remains may seem to be, scientifically it is much more important to see how many men and women you can find and if they've got any pathological defects," Mulder, curator of the lab's anatomical museum, told the Associated Press.

Rembrandt's skeleton, or that of his son, is no more important than that of anybody else."

The church elders consider it a fair exchange if they get a line on where the Dutch master's remains lie.

"If we can find him we can rebury him in a special grave," said restoration fundraising chairman Philip Korthals-Altes, "so that all visitors in the future who come to see the Western church can see the place where Rembrandt was buried."

"It would be a sobering experience to find them, and it would be a triumph," agreed Rem-brandt scholar Ernst van der Wetering. "It's part of the legend" artist, sort of shoveled away.'

cavation director Willem Mulder, identifying technique would be

of the misunderstood or the poor If a likely skeletal candidate for Rembrandt is found, one possible

Rembrandt's time absorbed large amounts of lead from lead-based But Rembrandt expert van der Wetering also holds out little

hope of finding Rembrandt's "They will never find them

because there's no way to identify them," the Amsterdam University art history professor told the

"There's nothing of the history of any diseases he had which could help to identify his remnants. We know nothing about his size. We know nothing about injuries he ever had. We know nothing about his dental re- mass burial site.

It is not known how many peple were buried in the church from its 1631 opening until the custom was halted for health reasons. But Korthals-Altes recalled that bones came up along with the old pews torn out for Queen Beatrix's gala 1966 wedding to German-born prince

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complicated by the former custom of leasing graves for a speci-fic time period, and then digging up the bones if the grave space was needed for another burial. For that reason, few of the grave flagstones carried names, and bodies were not routinely buried with possessions or

mementoes. Mulder hopes old church burial records will hold clues, because "it was important to know who was buried where because they had to know when the grave was

Disinterred bones from expired graves were thrown together in a

brandt, said Harm Beukers, assistant professor of medical history at the university, "then we are lost, just like that. Then we are finished for this special person." But Korthals-Altes refuses to be discouraged.

This is an opportunity in a century that we have. We should take that opportunity," he said.

(800 million kg) of soybean oil. ducts, estimates that as many as It's of high quality and develop-Filipinos revere their dead with music and a smile

By Diane Stormont

MANILA — To Filipinos nationwide, the Christian festival of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1 is synonynous with ancestor worship.

But in this predominantly Ronan Catholic country, revering the dead is no gloomy contemplaive affair. "It's a day for partying, for

emembering the good times —

and an opportunity to do a little rade on the side," said Rey By first light, the city's naveyards were alive with rock nusic, food stalls and balloon

The celebrations, surpassed mly by festivities at Easter and Inistmas, started late on Saturlay night but by noon on Sunday seople were still out and about, aden down with choice titbits, nottles of fizzy drinks and port-

ble tape decks. Jostling, cheerful crowds Nished past fairground rides and vhite-garbed priests, paying no eed to the broiling heat that apped the yellow and gold flowis brought in specialy from the ills around Baguio in the north.

Yet the flower sellers had few ifficulties in disposing of their dooms. Candlemakers, too, had field day while several entermising small boys made a few licit pesos by scraping up molten ellow wax from gravesides when to one was looking, shaping the 100 into squat pyramids and sell-12 their recycled candles.

Giggling teenage girls danced to rock and roll as they surreptiiously eyed shirtless young men . Ounging on top of their grandpa-

ent's concrete tombs, The more active glued paper and plastic bags into multi-col-oured kites that danced high above the festivities.

Parents got on with the more serious business of eating, drinking, polishing their ancester's graves and repainting the eulo-

No one could say why All Saints' Day had evolved into a

day of boisterous rememberance. "All Filipinos are saints," said

Jose Pelayo, leaning against a crude wooden ladder he hired out to those willing to pay to avoid the crowds by climbing over the

with her back firmly turned against crowds as she studied a prayerbook and wept over a month-old grave.

cemetery wall. Only one or two gravesides belied the carnival atmosphere. At one, an elderly woman sat



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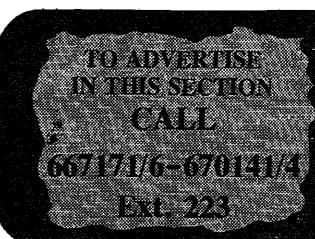
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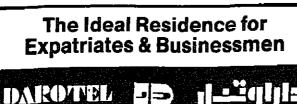
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England routs India to meet Aussies in world cricket final

One killed, 15 injured in clashes over Indian cricket loss

NEW DELHI (Agencies) — Cricket riots in Bombay left one person dead and a Pakistani student died of a heart attack as World Cup favourites India and Pakistan suffered shock semifinal defeats.

Police fired at least 15 times on nationwide involvement, had all Thursday night to stop rival groups clashing in Bombay after a 35-run victory by England over titleholders India in Bombay's Wankhede Stadium.

Police said they also fired into the air early on Friday to disperse stick-wielding fans in the city. where more than 20 people have been injured by rioters hurling rocks and acid-filled bottles.

In the neighbouring city of Ahmedabad, at least six people were injured and a nine-year-old boy was admitted to hospital with serious stab wounds after groups of rioters hurled stones at each

Police said the riots were all apparently sparked by Indian supporters incensed at celebrations by rival groups after the Indian team, replying to England's 254 for six, were all out for

India had been widely tipped to meet arch-rivals Pakistan in Sunday's final in Calcutta.

Cricket fans across India, where the sport is followed passionately, had been glued to television sets for a live broadcast of the match.

Tickets for the final, which had been selling on the blackmarket at 3,000 rupees (\$230), were now reported to be changing hands at their original value of 1,000 rupees (\$77).

In neighbouring Pakistan. cricket passions were also high but no major incidents were reported as the home team, led by captain and national hero Imran Khan, lost to Australia by 18 runs on Wednesday.

But in Lahore, a student who had failed to buy a ticket for the crucial tie, died after suffering chest pains and vomiting while watching his team lose to Au-

The official APP News Agency also reported that a doctor and a nurse in the emergency ward of Lahore's services hospital went into a coma as the match ended. The ward received at least

pains, nausea and vomiting immediately after the match. The Frontier Post newspaper

at the hotel's three courts.

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seven patients suffering chest

max for granted." England will meet Australia in Sunday's final. Australia's win sparks clash

somehow taken a triumphant cli-

In New Delhi, police arrested 15 people after two groups of cricket fans clashed in Delhi on Wednesday night following Australia's victory over Pakistan in a World Cup semifinal.

Police said a 16-year-old girl was injured when the groups threw stones at each other shortly after Australia beat the favourites by 18 runs in the Pakistan city of

The trouble started when supporters of Pakistan tried to disrupt celebrations by fans of Australia who set off firecrackers to celebrate the result, police said. The 15 will be charged with

Police have stepped up patrols in the area, the scene of clashes between Muslims and Hindus earlier this year.

England to face Australia in final

England, powered by 115 by Graham Gooch and superb bowling by Neil Foster and Eddie Hemmings, sailed to the final of the 4th World Cup Cricket Tournament Thursday, beating India by 35 runs.

Set to score 255 in 50 overs at the strike rate of 5.1 runs per over, the Indians were all out for 219 in 45.3 overs.

England now meets traditional cricket rival Australia at the finals in the east Indian city of Calcutta

Gooch, the 34-year-old batsman who plays for Essex, was declared the man of the match for his 115 which was studded with 11 boundaries and came in only 135

Foster claimed the wickets of India's star batsmen Krishnamachari Srikkanth and Navjot kant Pandit and finished with three for 47 runs.

Hemmings claimed four wicksaid: "The media hype, the ets for 52 runs off 9.3 overs.

Fall house expected

Organisers still expect a full house of over 90,000 people for the World Cup cricket final here on Sunday despite India's semifinal defeat.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, organising secretary of the cricket association of Bengal which is handling arrangements, said: "Tickets have already sold out and I don't see how today's result will affect the attendance."

"If the Zimbabwe-New Zealand group match could command a 60,000 attendance, an England-Australia final is bound to be a full house.'

Black-market prices were reported to have dropped with 1,000-rupee (\$77) tickets that were fetching 3,000 rupees (\$230) now changing hands at face

Eden Gardens fit for World Cup climax

Calcutta's cricket stadium, venue for Sunday's final, is a fitting arena for the showdown between Australia and England for the game's one-day cham-

Because if one of the finalists can boast Lord's, the home of the game, and the other has the Mebourne cricket ground, its biggest temple, Calcutta's Eden Gardens is arguably the most exciting place in the world to play cricket.

Just as Lord's has nothing to do with the aristocracy, so Eden Gardens has nothing to do with paradise.

Lord's recalls its founder Thomas Lord, an entrepreneur more interested in cash than cricket, who opened the ground in 1814 and sold out for the then tidy sum of £5,000 in 1825.

Eden Gardens, however, commemorates a gentler figure of the British Raj, Emily Eden, a wealthy widow who owned an open space on the banks of the Hooghly River and gave it to the Bengal Government for public use in

England tipped to oust Australia

England, written off by bookmakers and critics at the start of areas that are being cleaned up the World Cup cricket competition, is favoured to defeat Australia in Sunday's final at the Eden Gardens in Calcutta.

Taverns to be prosecuted for showing TV football illegally

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys representatives say legal action is being initiated against several Dallas-area bars that showed the blacked-out football game Monday night in violation of federal laws. Unofficial bookmakers quote

England as 10-to-7 favourites to

win cricket's premier event for

England's fortunes follows its

spectacular 35-run win over

reigning champions India in the

semifinal Thursday at Bombay.

depth in batting," he told repor-

it is Steve Waugh. That's a lot of

Benefit match cancelled

World Cup organisers decided

on Thursday to cancel a benefit match between the new cham-

pions and a Rest of the World XI

planned to take place two days

after Sunday's final in Calcutta.

venor of the World Cup Manage-

ment Committee, said the deci-

sion was taken because Australia,

who will play England in the

final, would not be available for

the game to raise money for a

players' charity. Bindra said: "There is a 50-50

chance that Australia will win on

Sunday and we could not take the

risk. Those who have bought

tickets for the game will be re-

Australia told the organisers

before their semifinal win over

Pakistan on Wednesday that they

could not play in the game be-

cause their players had to return

home for the start of the Sheffield

Taxi drivers coerced to

smarten up

Taxi drivers in Calcutta have

been told to smarten up - them-

selves and their cars - or go

elsewhere during the period over

A senior police officer said:

drivers had been told "not to

More than half the city's 80,000

taxis have been in use for over 15

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difference," Simpson added.

taking his team lightly.

But Australia's cricket mana-

The sudden transformation in

the first time.

ters Thursday.

"The matter is the hands of attorneys representing the Cowboys and the National Football League (NFL)," Cowboys spokes-man Greg Aiello said Tuesday. They are vigorously taking all necessary action to stop illegal televising of NFL games by commercial establishments. This action includes seeking monetary

ger Bob Simpson warned against damages where appropriate." Aiello declined to specify what "England is a good bowling side, but Australia has more action is being taken, but another Cowboys source told the Dallas Times Herald attorneys were preparing to file a lawsuit Wednes-"The number five batsman for day in federal court in Dallas. The suit would involve "a signifi-England is John Emburey. For us cant number" of nightclubs that showed the game between the Cowboys and the New York Giants in an apparent violation of the law, the source said.

Federal copyright laws and federal communications commission broadcast rules prohibit local telecasts of most NFL games not sold out 72 hours before kickoff, but commonly available satellite dishes allow interception of broadcast signals.

A spot check by the newspaper found four clubs showing the game on large-screen televisions. One of them had been named in one of two similar lawsuits filed by NFL attorneys in Dallas in 1984 and 1985.

Those suits resulted in permanent injunctions ordering 12 Dallas-area bars not to show blackedout games. Claims for monetary damages were dropped by the NFL in exchange for agreements from the clubs that they would abide by the order, court records

The football club can seek monetary damages for copyright infringement and sought \$50,000 from each nightclub in the pre-

Albanians face uphill task

ZURICH (R) - Flamurtari tight defence successfully pro-Vlora's delight at being the first tected a two-goal first-leg advan-Albanian side to reach the third round of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup was dampened on Friday when they were of the form which made them drawn to meet a rapidly-improving Bernd Schuster and his Barcelona teammates.

Barcelona has had a miserable start to the Spanish League season, culminating in the sacking of English coach Terry Venables in

But on Wednesday, when their

tage from the onslaught of Dynamo Moscow in the UEFA Cup, the club rediscovered something European Cup Winners' Cup champions in 1979 and 1982.

West German midfielder Schuster, known to be unhappy during Venables' three-year reign at Barcelona, is now proving a valuable asset in the cup competition under new coach Luis Ara-

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Melbourne Cup winner banned

MELBOURNE (R) - Larry Olsen, winner of the prestigious Melbourne Cup horse race, was banned for 12 months by Victoria Racing Club Stewards on Friday. Olsen was found guilty of "improper practice" in that he failed to allow Sound Horizon to run on its merits in the Great Western - the event immediately before he produced the ride of a lifetime on Tuesday to win the Melbourne Cup on 12-1 shot Kensei. Olsen lodged an appeal immediately after the ban was announced and has been granted a stay of proceedings by the racing appeals tribunal. Sound Horizon's trainer, Paul Sutherland, was cleared of a charge of being a party to the offence.

Khan, Norman advance in squash events

TORONTO (R) — World champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan and former world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand advanced on Thursday night to the semifinals of the \$70,000 International Squash Championships. Khan seeded third, lost his first game to compatriot Zarak Jahan Khan 14-15, before roaring back to win the match 15-12, 15-5, 15-13. The top-seeded Norman demolished Briton Neil Harvey 15-7, 15-3, 15-5 in a little more than an hour.

Skinner takes golf lead

HANNO, Japan (R) - Val Skinner of the United States shot a five-under-par 67 to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the \$350,000 Japan Classic Women's Golf Tournament, the last leg of the U.S. LPGA tour, on Friday. Skinner carded six birdies and one bogey over the 6.398-yard, par-72 Musashigaoka Course to lead from three others, including Japan's Ayako Okamoto, who is in second place in the American moneywinners' list. Leading moneywinner, American Betsy King, had a 73 and shared 13th place.

Tear gas halts European soccer tie

SPLIT, Yugoslavia (R) — A tear-gas grenade thrown into the stands by a spectator on Thursday night halted the European Cup Winners' Cup match between Hajduk Split and Marseille for 30 minutes. Fans fled the stadium and some were slightly injured in the general panic. The players returned to the dressing room after the incident which happened nine minutes into the game. Hajduk won the second round, second leg tie 2-0 but the French side go through on aggregate 4-2.

Neck to neck race between Cauthen and Eddery

LONDON (AP) — They're half-way down the final straight and the finish line is in sight. It's the most exciting English horseracing duel for 25 years in a race that began some seven months ago. The race — for the flat-racing

jockey's championship — is in its final stages with American Steve Cauthen and Irishman Pat Eddery engaged in a neck-andneck battle. Although there is no prize money and no trophy at stake, the duel has captured the imagination of British sports followers.

"Outsiders visiting Calcutta should not get a bad impression of our city." He added that the pionship into a two-jockey race. present their shabby selves" in Both are close to the 200-winner ger, Steve Cochrane, back on

mark with their nearest challen-

Piggott... in a fine pickle

racing Cauthen had opened up a four-ride lead and, with a string of high-quality mounts awaiting him, was quoted 1-4 favourite for

Eddery landed a treble at Tuesday's meet at Leicester, to cut

The duel attracted a crowd of

Although Kentucky-born Cauthen has led for most of the season, Eddery has made a surge in the second half of the campaign to contest the lead with the 27-year-old American. With only three days' racing to go, Eddery leads Cauthen by 194 winning rides to 193. The championship has not

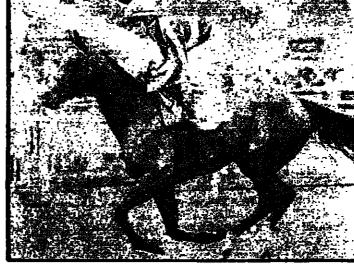
been tied since 1923, when Steve Donoghue and Charlie Elliott shared the honours. The closest since then was in 1963, when Australian Scobie Breasley triumphed by one over England's Lester Piggott, currently serving a three-year jail sentenced for tax fraud. Breasley had 176 winners to Piggott's 175.

A week into September, Cauthen led by ten. But Eddery, the 35-year-old defending champion, overhauled the American and opened up a lead of seven by the end of the month. Since then the two have been running almost side by side.

At the start of the final week's the title. But Eddery again re-fused to let his title go without a

Cauthen's lead to 193-192. Cauthen had a blank day at Edinburgh on Wednesday, while his rival picked up two more winners to advance to 194 and lead by

2.500 to Edinburgh's course,



Pat Eddery on Magic of Life at Newbury

almost double last year's attend- least excited are the two jockeys ance. They saw Cauthen manage only a third place from five rides, which included two favourites.

The swinging fortunes of the two rivals prompted unprecedented betting on the cham-pionship at Britain's licensed bookmakers.

Ladbrokes spokesman Roger Tull said they were "knocked over in the rush" by Punters wanting to back Eddery at 100-30. By the end of Wednesday's racing, Ladbrokes quoted the Irishman at 4-5 with Cauthen now

the outsider. On Thursday, the two riders moved on to Hamilton Park, Scotland, before the traditional two-day season ender at Doncaster in Northern England.

The two people who appear the years.

After Wednesday's disappoint ing sides. Cauthen said: "I go what I deserved today. My reac tion is the same as always. The situation is normal and we wil both keep on going until the finish.

Eddery has declined to say anything about the duel until it is all over, refusing to be interviewed by television and dodging questions about the cham-

But at least the Eddery family already has picked up one title this season.

On Tuesday, the Irishman's 29-year-old wife, Carolyn, clinched the Lady Amateur Jockeys Championship on her return to race riding after a break of six

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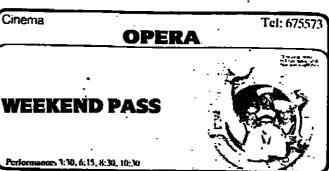
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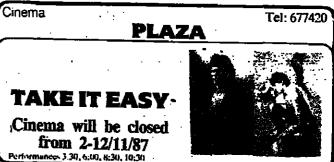
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Arab minerals development group faces cash problems

CASABLANCA (R) - The Arab Organisation for Mineral Resources said Thursday financial problems threatened its future and it urged member governments to pay their outstanding budget contributions. "I and the staff are most concerned about the organisation's future because of the mounting financial crisis of several years," Secretary General Ahmad Alouai M'Hamdi told the group's ninth annual conference. Mr. M'Hamdi said only 32 per cent of the organisation's annual budget of about \$1.6 million was being paid. Sudan, Qatar and Libya had recently paid part of their outstanding dues, he added. He did not say why the member states were not paying. Some officials said economic and foreign exchange problems were partly to blame. The organisation was launched in 1979 with a mandate to assess and help to exploit mineral resources in the Arab World. The members of the Rabat-based organisation, which does not concern itself with petroleum, include Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Syria, Sudan, Qatar, Tunisia, Jordan, Iraq. Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The group's main achievement so far has been the production of the Arab World's first small-scale thematic map of mineral deposits and geology, costing \$2 million and paid for

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following were the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling One U.S. dollar

1.3180/90 1.6780/90 1.3805/15 35.10/20 5.6800/6900 135.23/33 6.0575/0675 6.3400/3500

Canadian dollar West German marks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lira Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns 6.4900/5000

U.S. dollars

One ounce of gold 456.75/457.75

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Shares resumed their downward path, after an improvement around midday, on news U.S. Congressman Thomas Foley said he did not see an agreement on cuts in the U.S. budget of more than \$23 billion, dealers said.

Mr. Foley, who presides over the negotiations between the White House and Congress, was speaking on Dutch television. Mr. Ian Harwood, analyst at Warburg Securities said "this will not be enough, and could pave the way for a dollar freefall." Wall Street took the news badly, turning a 12-point gain into a

similar fall, and the London market followed lower. Analysts here have been looking for substantial cuts in the U.S. budget deficit. Mr. Harwood said "we are looking for a cut of \$60 billion over two years but that is the absolute minimum.

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may have to consider giving up an interest which you enjoy, but which has given you a considerable number of seemingly insoluble problems. A change of attitude will ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A

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your income by seeking a promo-tion of some sort. Now is the right time to do just that.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

Now is the time to pay back all of those favors done for you by a partner. Do something thoughtful and kind and feel great all day.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't let a family friend

usurp your authority at home. Study the cost of any home repairs, and get a second estimate. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get into

an old-favorite hobby with a close friend, but be sure you've made proper arrangements before beginning. Be charming and diplomatic. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)

43 State firmly 44 Attained

45 Deadly sins

51 Roof support

33 Eye wrinkles 34 Expert 37 Setbacks

pert, and follow any advice given to

you. If you go out visiting today, make sure you drive carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be succinct and friendly today, and overbearing or rude. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Take time to sit down and think about some confusing aspects of your life. A little contemplation may be all you need. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Enlist the aid of a close friend to settle up a difficult situation. Get together later with some acquain-tances you haven't seen lately. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) If you are tactful, you can get a lit-

superior. Accompany your mate to a popular civic affair. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't be trapped by routines. Get-ting away from it all with a good

tle boost in business from a

friend would belp you both unwind and could also be profitable. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Avoid any arguments with your mate, or any other confrontations for that matter. Keep your poise to-day, and all will be well.

'Pressure builds on Iran to flout OPEC quota, price'

ched a drive to contain damage caused by a U.S. embargo on its oil, but Gulf-based oil executives said pressure on Tearan to flout OPEC rules and offer price discounts is growing by the day.

Iran, locked in a seven-yearold war with Iraq, is becoming increasingly concerned that Japan — one if its major crude oil customers — will follow Washington's lead and at least curb the amount of oil it buys from Tehran.

Iran desperately needs to keep its oil flowing to finance the war and is believed to have used a relative full in ground fighting during inconclusive U.N. peace efforts to redeploy troops and buy new weapons.

'Iran needs to export at least 1.3 million barrels of crude oil per day to keep the war going," one oil industry executive in the region said.

Oil executives said Washington's economic sanctions, announced at the end of October, posed a severe threat to Tehran and senior Iranian oil officials had been in Tokyo since Thursday to persuade Japanese companies to step up purchases.

Japan last week officially pire. turned down a request to cooperate in U.S. sanctions, but the ministry of trade and industry quietly asked Japanese oil firms to curb imports of Iranian crude. about 295,000 barrels per day (b/d) in October.

Oil industry executives said the temptation for Iran to offer discounts on official OPEC prices was mounting and there were already signs that it had sold some cargoes of crude at cutprice in Rotterdam.

Despite an official denial on Wednesday from the National Iranian Oil Company, some oil traders believe large amounts of Iranian crude on offer in European markets at prices 60 to 70 levels were a clear sign that meeting."

BAHRAIN (R) - Iran has laun- Tehran had been offering secret discounts.

If true, oilmen said it could seriously undermine Iran's authority as a leading member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) now preparing for a Dec. 9 meeting to decide on production and pricing levels for 1988.

It was Iran, with the world's largest oil exporter Saudi Arabia, which forged OPEC's output-cutting pact a year ago to stabilise the oil market after prices had

Growing resistance in the Western World to buying oil from Tehran has pushed the nation's oil exports down to about 1.5 million b/d from a peak of over two million in August, oil industry executives said

Wave after wave of attacks by Iraqi jets on Iran's fleet of oil tankers plying the Gulf appears to have had little impact on Tehran's ability to ship oil. The problem has been selling it.

Japanese companies have already cut back the volume of crude they will buy from Iran in December, but the real crunch will come at the end of the year when all long-term contracts ex-

Even if Iran's oil envoys succeed in persuading Japanese companies to renew, few are thought likely to sign until it is clear if OPEC can agree on new price and production levels.

Iran is expected to argue at the December meeting for a rise in the group's \$18 per barrel benchmark price. This would help to offset a drop in revenue for Tehran if the volume of oil exports cannot be maintained.

Saudi Arabia will almost certainly oppose such a price increase.

One senior Japanese oil executive said: "Japanese oil companies will not be signing any contracts with Iran until the outcents per barrel below official come of OPEC's ministerial

U.N. presses for funds

UNITED NATIONS (R) — contributions. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has warned U.N. staff there may be no pay next month if the United States fails to clear its budget arrears, but there has been little evidence of econo-

A flood of documents continues to come off the U.N. presses at the rate of more than two million pages a day.

official languages and text revision alone are estimated by the Department of Conference Services at \$365 a page for original

In 1985, the latest year for which data are available, 825 million pages of documents were reproduced. The total may be greater in 1987.

In a recent report on U.N. finances, Mr. Perez de Cuellar said the world body had received only \$437 million of this year's total of \$756 million in budgetary

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The United States, assessed as the largest contributor, is supposed to pay 25 per cent. Mr. Perez de Cuellar's report said Washington currently owed the United Nations almost \$353

That figure includes \$130 million in contributions that Washington withheld last year to back its contention that big the running of the U.N.

Seventy-eight member states have been asked to contribute only one-hundredth of one per cent of the total U.N. budget. Their votes have the same weight as those of the United States and the Soviet Union, except in the Security Council, where permanent members have the power of

Largely in response to American pressure, the U.N. General Assembly last December adopted hudget reforms.

IT'S THE KICKOFF!

Central banks shore up dollar after hitting historical lows

LONDON (Agencies) — The dollar rallied on Friday to trade just above historic lows touched in the previous 24 hours as West German and Swiss central banks intervened to steady it.

The Tokyo stock market Europe and the United States this gained following a 40-point rise in New York on Thursday. But shares were weaker in London, where brokers said investors were deterred from buying by concern about slow progress in the Washington talks on cutting the U.S. budget deficit.

The dollar's drop of nearly seven per cent since the Oct. 19 "Black Monday" share crash on Wall Street, which threw markets generally into turmoil, aroused growing concern on Friday.

An editorial in London's Economist weekly said that, since the dollar was the lynchpin of the global payments system, a dollar crash would be "the economic equivalent on a nuclear war."

The dollar at Europe's midday was fetching 1.6780 West German marks and 135.20 yen.

On Thursday in New York it touched an all-time low of 1.6650 marks. In Tokyo on Friday, where the trading day follows New York's and precedes Europe, it hit a post-war low of 134.40 yen.

Currency dealers said a wave of dollar selling on Thursday followed news that U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker had told the Wall Street Journal that the Reagan administration was determined to avoid a U.S. recession brought on by high interest rates. even at the risk of a falling dollar.

The Economist echoed calls by European leaders for the United States to narrow its \$170 billion external deficit.

Foreigners, it said, were reluctant to buy dollar assets to finance this, so the United States had tried raising interest rates to make the returns on these more attractive. But "Wall Street smelled recession and the stockmarket crashed."

The alternative was to make them cheaper by devaluing the dollar. But a continuing dollar devaluation would take the world economy "into uncharted waters .. much feared."

Other analysts saw the United States using a weak dollar to force more interest rate cuts out of West Germany and others se export earnings may dip as their currencies appreciate. They thought the U.S. goal was

to keep its own rates low enough to avoid a recession but high enough, relative to those elsewhere, to attract investors'

A West German official, Mr.: Hans Tietmayer, secretary of state at the finance ministry, said on radio on Friday: "Noone can be interested in a confrontation. Noone can be interested in seeing the dollar fall further.'

Interest rate cuts in Japan,

U.S. budget cuts were agreed. "Any international package

week were judged a positive sign by stock market investors in Asia where share prices mostly rose. Cheaper borrowing boosts business activity and reduces the on world markets." danger of recession.

Most stock markets in Asia rose on Friday, with Tokyo's Nikkei 225-share index up 165.37 points at 22,795. New Zealand's index had a record one-day gain of 187 to end 8.5 per cent up.

Hong Kong's volatile stock market also jumped sharply after an almost unbroken string of falls, ending up 150 points at 2,111.61, according to preliminary figures.

A successful auction of U.S. treasury debt on Thursday also helped to encourage Asian investors, but Tokyo brokers said that worries persisted about slow progress in Washington on

agreeing U.S. budget deficit cuts. Japanese export-oriented shares were among those that rose in spite of the weak dollar -"Even if the dollar appreciates more, it is not going to destroy the exporters' business and they have radically restructured their businesses (to cope with a high yen)," said Mr. Robert Karr of New Japan Securities.

But London share prices slipped on Friday, on worries about the U.S. economy because of the way the weak dollar may reduce some companies' earnings from exports to the United States.

The London Financial Times 100-share index, the main bluecup barometer, dropped 30 points in early trading before rallying a little to around 1,615 at mid-session. Firms like Imperial Chemical

Industries and luxury carmaker Jaguar were marked down because they earn much of their revenue in dollars. Brokers in Frankfurt said that

shares in West German car and

electricals exporters retreated because of the weak dollar but that the market opened mixed in quiet trading after the rally on Wall Street reassured some investors. The Sydney stock market, with many gold-related shares, bucked

13.9 points to 1,237 after the gold price lost \$10 on Thursday. London dealers said precious

metals markets steadied on Friday after sharp falls, with gold set at \$458.60 an ounce.

Britain urges U.S. action

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson called on Thursday for the Americans "to put their house in order" before any international package can be reached to end turmoil in world financial markets.

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He ruled out a crisis meeting between the leading Group of Seven nations (G-7) until major

has to be based on the Americans taking the steps to put their house in order," Mr. Lawson said. "To have a meeting now, when that is not in place, would have a devastatingly counter-productive effect

during a debate in which the opposition Labour Party urged him to call an emergency G-7 meeting to agree a global strategy to end disarray on stock markets and head off a recession.

Mr. Lawson refused, saying the acute sensitivity of financial mar-kets made it "necessary to proceed in a proper step-by-step approach, with the Americans

reaching their agreement first." Earlier on Thursday, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said she had made a direct appeal to President Reagan, expressing the hope that negotiations with Congress to slash the deficit would succeed.

Mr. Lawson, who denounced U.S. budgetary policy in a speech on Wednesday night, said Britain was justified in criticising Washington's economic course. He went on:

"We have been, and we have remained, the staunchest ally of the United States. Therefore the views we have expressed - and we have a right to express --- are listened to and taken seriously because they know we are their staunchest ally.

The chancellor, who had been pressing the Bundesbank recently to loosen its monetary reins following the slide in equity markets, welcomed Thursday's cuts in key West German interest

The Bundesbank, the West German central bank, announced the moves after a regular meeting of its central bank council attended by Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg, following a fall of the dollar to record lows against the mark.

It said its Lombard Emergency Financing Rate would be cut to 4.5 per cent from 5.0 per cent and another key rate for dealings with banks would fall to 3.50 per cent

But it left its discount rate, the basic rate for lending to banks, unchanged at 3.0 per cent.

The Bundesbank move was made in concert with France, which increased one if its impor-He was speaking in parliament tant interest rates. One joint goal was to keep the French franc from sliding too far against the surging mark in the European Monetary System (EMS) in which currencies are supposed to float jointly within agreed ranges.

The Swiss National Bank also announced it was cutting its discount rate by half a percentage point to 3.0 per cent from Friday, and banks in the United States cut prime rates.

The Swiss also cut their less important Lombard rate.

Politicians and economists have said the cost of borrowing must come down in the industrial world to boost consumer spending and business activity, if the crash in financial markets is not to lead to recession.

Also, measures were needed to stabilise the gyrating currency and stock markets. Britain cut interest rates on Wednesday to arrest a slump in London share

Mr. Stoltenberg and Mr. Edouard Balladur, finance minister of France said in a joint 'statement their interest rate decision would contribute to a stabilising of currency rates in the

They said it would be seen as 'a contribution to the promotion of stability on the foreign exchange and other markets in a wider international context.'

In an early reaction, chief economist Aloys Bishofberger with Credit Suisse in Zurich, said: This is an international step in the right direction. It was necessary for the hard currency countries to cut their interest rates and I am happy the Bundesbank did so with the other banks."

Poll shows Americans opposing tax increases

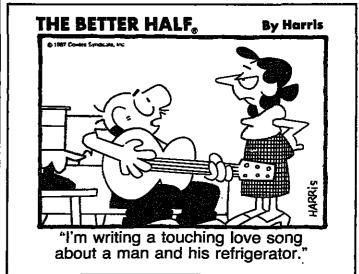
Americans call the federal deficit a serious problem, 64 per cent do not want their taxes raised to reduce it, according to a Los Angeles Times poll released Thursday.

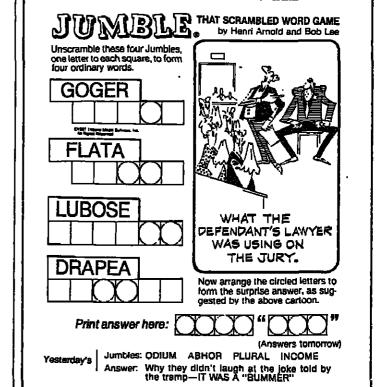
And even fewer Americans are willing to accept cuts in defence or domestic spending, the nationwide survey of 2,463 adults conducted last Thursday through Monday found. The poll has a margin of error of three per cent in either direction,

the newspaper reported.

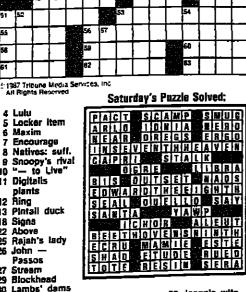
"Raising taxes in order to make substantial reductions in the budget deficit" was rejected by 64 per cent of those polled, but at the same time, 69 per cent agreed the deficit is a serious problem, the

As for lowering government spending, only 32 per cent of those questioned favoured reducing the defence budget, and just 23 per cent supported cutbacks in domestic programmes.

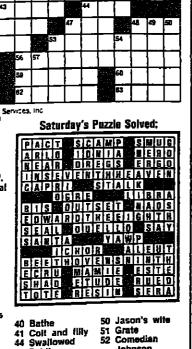




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Freed ANC leader vows to continue political activities

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP) — Antiapartheid activists said the release of an African National Congress (ANC) leader was as a major victory, but right-wing groups said Friday the nation had embarked "on a dangerous course."

Govan Mbeki, 77, was freed Thursday after 23 years in prison. fuelling speculation that other prominent prisoners such as Nelson Mandela may soon be released. Mandela is considered by many black South Africans to be the country's preeminent black

Mr. Mbeki told a news conference Thursday evening he would remain active in opposing the white-led government's apartheid policies, but that he would not hold office with any organisation. Asked if he had a message for

the young blacks, he said: "They must continue with the struggle." The ideas for which I went to jail and for which the ANC stands. I still embrace." the grayhaired Mbeki said. He said he still considered himself a member

can Communist Party. The ANC said from its headquarters in Lusaka. Zambia, that Mr. Mbeki emerged from jail "unbowed and unbroken." a living legend in the minds of our

of the ANC and the South Afri-

"If the government wants to do something dramatic to influence an intractable situation, it should release all our leaders." Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, said Thursday. The far-right Conservative Par-

ty said Friday that Mr. Mbeki's release was "a calculated risk." "The government is on a dangerous course if it releases people without them renouncing violence," said party leader Andries Treurnicht.

The divided opinion also was reflected in the country's news-

City Press, aimed at black readers, ran a headline stating simply, "he's free." The headline over the lead story of The Citizen, a pro-government news-paper, read: "Mbeki: I'm still a ommunist.

Mr. Mbeki was to meet Friday with his 71-year-old wife. who was being flown to southern city of Port Elizabeth from the black homeland of Transkei. They have not seen each other for six years. friends said.

Mr. Mbeki also said he wanted to see his three sons, who all live in exile. One of the sons, Thabo Mbeki, is a top ANC official

based in Zambia. The couple is expected to settle in the Port Elizabeth area, where

Mr. Mbeki worked as a journalist black militants might do to him and ANC official before the organisation was outlawed in 1960. Tentative arrangements for Mr. Mbeki to visit New Brighton, the Port Elizabeth township where he plans to live, were cancelled on short notice Friday, without ex-

Mr. Mbeki was one of several jailed black leaders whose release was requested in anti-apartheid legislation the U.S. Congress enacted in October 1986.

Mr. Mbeki, former national chairman of the guerrilla movement, was one of eight ANC members, including Dr. Mandela. jailed for life following their 1964 convictions for sabotage. Mr. Mbeki met with Dr. Mandela on Thursday morning and described him as "healthy and fit."

He said he was concerned with Dr. Mandela's continued imprisonment, but added: "I am confident that in the course of time, he will also be out under the same conditions.

Mr. Mbeki told reporters he was "being released unconditionally.

Daughter expects release of Mandela soon

The oldest daughter of Dr. Mandela said she thinks her father will be released from prison soon, but she fears what the Pretoria government or young

the Eksund, was loaded in Libya.

Five Irishmen arrested aboard

Libyan leader Col. Muammar

Qadhafi has often expressed sup-

port for the IRA in its campaign

to drive the British out of North-

the ship carrying missiles,

were meant for the IRA.

Perez de Cuellar backs idea on wider U.N. role

tions Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar endorsed on Friday ideas proposed by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev on expanding the role of the world

Interviewed by the official Soviet News Agency TASS, Mr. Perez de Cuellar said he favoured U.N. verification of arms control treaties, broader use of U.N. peace-keeping forces and rotating meetings of the Security Council.

"Some black South Africans

don't want daddy out of jail

because, well, daddy is a power-

ful personality," Zenani Mandela Dlamini said. "Many people, of

course, will see him as the leader

of black South Africa if he is

released from prison, and ignore

many of the people now in the

Mrs. Dlamini, who lives with

her husband and three children in

Boston, told the Washington Post

magazine, in an interview to be

published Sunday, that she has been encouraged by reports that

the South African government

does not want the 69-year-old

She said her optimism was sparked in May, when she and

Robert Brown, a black business

man, were allowed to visit Man-

dela for two hours and discuss the

previously forbidden subject of

politics. Brown was nominated by

President Ronald Reagan to be

ambassador to South Africa but

Mr. Brown told the Post that

Dr. Mandela told him he wants to

negotiate a peaceful settlement between black and white South

Mrs. Dlamini said she was opti-

mistic about the prospect of her father being released soon be-

cause of the release last month of

a white South African army cap-

tain who had been captured and

held prisoner in Angola.

Ortega

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talks with

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) -

President Daniel Ortega offered

to hold indirect ceasefire talks

with contra rebels, but said any

further moves toward peace de-

pend on "an end to aggression

against Nicaragua" by the United

The announcement Thursday

night was greeted with cautious

who said such talks would depend

on finding a mediator acceptable

to the rebels and the Sandinista

Mr. Ortega previously has re-

fused direct or indirect talks with

the contras, demanding to talk

instead with officials from the

United States, which finances the

Mr. Ortega made the offer in a

speech before thousands of

cheering Nicaraguans, but did not

explain how such indirect talks

He said the offer was made "to

strip all pretext from our enemies

and unmask those who say they

are for peace and don't really

government.

offers

later withdrew his name.

Mandela to die in jail.

leadership."

These ideas were advanced by Mr. Gorbachev in September in an article proposing a wider U.N. role in areas from arms control to human rights to cope with problems of the nuclear age.

"Indeed, there are opportunities now for significant progress on critically important problems, if full advantage is to be taken of the potential of the United Nations," Mr. Perez de Cuellar told TASS.

"I believe, for instance, that wider use should be made of United Nations military observers and peace-keeping forces.

"I am also convinced that the organisation can fill a vital need in the verification of disarmament agreements. Indeed, its availability could make the drafting of such agreements easier."

His comments follow Soviet uggestions for a U.N. peacekeeping force to replace the

MOSCOW (R) — United Na- armada of non-regional ships sent to protect shipping in the Gulf. They precede the signing in

Washington next month of a superpower treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles. Officials on both sides have said matters of verification are the only outstanding details remaining to be worked out. Mr. Perez de Cuellar expressed

"great interest" in Mr. Gorbachev's suggestion that the Security Council meet at ministerial level at the start of General Assembly sessions and rotatefrom New Yok to tension spots and capitals of the permanent members.

The Soviet Union is a permanent member of the Council. together with Britain, China, France and the United States.

Moscow followed up on Mr. Gorbachev's statement for a wider U.N. role by paying off \$111 million in arrears to the world body last month and pledging to pay'a further \$197 million for peace-keeping actions back to

Diplomatic sources say the Soviet Union extended another olive branch to Western countries by removing East Bloc support for Amadou Mahtar M'Bow in last month's contest for the UN-ESCO leadership, allowing the nomination of Federico Mayor of

When it refused and tried to

"A cruel skirmish began ... the

Yeliseyev was then ordered to

'Radar controllers saw how

two small points merged into one

and then gradually disappeared from the screen," the magazine

The article said the intruder

looked like "a reconnaissance variant of a fighter."

return to the border Gennady

Yeliseyev, the MiG's pilot, was

situation grew more complicated

with every second and, regret-

tably, not in favour of the inter-

ordered to shoot it down.

ceptor," Aviation said.

ram the intruder.

intruder to land.

Soviet jet rammed intruder in 1973 incident — magazine

MOSCOW (R) - A Soviet was then sent up to force the magazine has described a mysterious incident in 1973 in which a Soviet fighter plane rammed an unidentified intruder in mid-air, apparently destroying both.

The latest edition of the airforce monthly Aviation and Space Flight said the Soviet plane ordered the intruder to land but it speeded up and tried to go back over the border, apparently in the south of the country, so the jet

In the first detailed account of the incident to appear in the Soviet press, the magazine said Soviet authorities spotted two foreign military planes near the border on Nov. 28, 1973.

Two interceptors flew to check them and one of the intruders turned back but they were unable to prevent the other from cros-

sing the border. A MiG-21 fighter-interceptor details.

Yeliseyev, was posthumously awarded the title of hero of the Soviet Union, it said.

The article gave no further

Filipino rebels declare war on U.S. military Previous warnings to Amer-

MANILA (R) - Communist guerrillas on Friday declared virtual war on United States military and military-linked personnel stationed in the Philippines.

In a statement hand-delivered to international news agencies. the umbrella National Democratic Front (NDF) said all U.S. military and civilian personnel involved in "meddling in the internal affairs" of the Philippines would be "targets for attack.

The statement, signed by NDF Secretary-General Satur Ocampo, was the first formal declaration of what appeared to be a new Communist policy.

icans have been less specific and generally anonymous. The statement made no direct

reference to the killing of two American airmen and a retired serviceman outside a major U.S. Air Base last week. In a statement on letterhead

paper, Mr. Ocampo said the United States would "pay a high price for its political-military intervention in terms of American lives and property" unless it stopped its "meddling."

"The Aquino regime has adopted the U.S. policy of total war as its own," he said.

U.S. court nominee says he took drugs

on the Supreme Court, Judge (the disclosure) affects his judi-Douglas Ginsburg, has said he cial qualifications." Mr. Fitzwahad smoked marijuana on a few ter said. occasions during the 1960s and 1970s but now regrets that he did.

His disclosure, following the Reagan's first choice for the court. Judge Robert Bork, was widely seen as embarrassment for the White House although President Réagan said it did not affect his nominee's judicial qualifica-

"To the best of my recollection, once as a college student in the 60s and then on a few occasions in the 70s. I used marispokesman.

*That was the only drug I ever used. I have not used it since. It was a mistake, and I regret it," he

Judge Ginsburg said he was making the statement in response to a question from an unspecified source whether he had ever used drugs. Administration sources said several news organisations were making inquiries about the

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Mr. Reagan, whose wife Nancy has campaigned against illegal drug use throughout his tenure in office. White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker on Thursday morning

Asked how it would affect Judge Ginsburg's chances of winning Senate confirmation, the Senate's rejection of Mr. spokesman replied: "I wouldn't

vidual privacy and civil rights troubled many senators, was denied confirmation last month by a vote of 58-42 — the largest vote against a supreme court nominee

appeals court judge, has already become a subject of controversy since he was named by President Reagan for the Supreme Court seat on Oct. 29.

Judge Ginsburg's judgment, if not his integrity, was called into question when the Justice Department confirmed he took part in a department action involving the cable television industry while he had a \$140,000 investment in a cable TV firm.

A number of attorneys and government officials have said he should have stood aside or at was briefed on the matter by least sought a ruling from the ethics office about a possible conflict of interest.

The president accepts Judge Judge Ginsburg and strongly de-

nied there was any misconduct but said the government ethics office would investigate his be-

haviour. Senate Republican leader Robert Dole of Kansas said on Wednesday he had spoken with Judge Ginsburg, who had assured him there would be no more surprises about his background.

Sen. Dole said on Thursday that Judge Ginsburg had told him earlier on Thursday of his mariiuana use.

A Dole aide said Judge Ginsburg disclosed his drug use during a meeting with Sen. Dole and other Republican senators.

'He wanted to make certain that this information was available to me and to others he talked with," Sen. Dole said. Senators have been particularly

curious about Judge Ginsburg's background because, unlike Judge Bork, little is known about the man and about his views on controversial issues that might come before the court. Mr. Reagan is an outspoken

opponent of abortion and Judge Ginsburg's nomination is supported by the National Right to Life Committee, an anti-abortion group.

The nominee's position on abortion is unknown.

But the White House said on Monday that Judge Ginsburg's wife had performed two abortions and had assisted in a third while she was a medical resident but later decided not to perform any more.

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Press slams Charles over defence remarks

LONDON (R) - Prince Charles came under fire on Friday for remarks he made in West Germany supporting Britain's nuclear defence policy and praising the skill of past German military leaders. The Star newspaper called the heir to the British throne "prinz poppycock" in a front-page banner headline. It described his tribute to German military skills on Thursday as an astonishing blunder only three days before Britain commemorates its dead from two world wars. "Charles says German soldiers are wunderbar." it said. The Sun described Charles's speech, at an army school in Bavaria, as amazing and said it was sure to offend ex-servicemen. The Times focused on Charles's apparent public endorsement of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's nuclear defence policy — a rare foray into politics for a member of royal family. Under a frontpage headline "Storm over pringsupport on defence" the Times quoted labour opposition Ho of Commons leader Frank Dobson as saying: "It is quite wrong the prince to have said this ... he is supposed to stay clear of things." Prince Charles, on a one-week tour of West Germ with his wife, Princess Diana, told military officials: "Britain nuclear power, albeit one whose nuclear deterrent is commit to the (NATO) alliance and therefore... acts as an umbrella the Federal Republic (of West Germany)." He said Germany well known for the excellence of its military officers down through history.

Lords seek ways to cut long speeches

LONDON (AP) — The House of Lords, that bulwark of British decorum, considered how to tell a long-winded peer of the realm - politely - to shut up. Noble lords of parliament's upper chamber debated a committee report recommending that, as an experiment, digital clocks be rigged to glow red when a speech exceeds 15 minutes. The report suggests that opening and winding up speeches run no longer than 20 minutes and others no longer than 15. It encourages peers "to protest in a seemly fashion, or by rising to draw attention to breaches of the agreed guidance where gentler means fail." Lord Aberdare, an independent and the committee head, said his group is not proposing a mandatory limit, but said: "Even though a speaker may pay no attention to the colour, others might draw his attention to it with discreet murmurings." But Lord Harris of the Social Democratic Party doubted whether any peer would cut a speech short just because guil Man of a red light. "The massed bands of the brigade of guards would # 17°C have just as little effect," he said. The Conservative leader of the house, Lord Whitelaw, suggested further deliberation. "I am not sure about the red light," he said. "It would be wise to proceed somewhat slowly." The debate ended without a vote.

Surrogate mother getting a divorce

NEWARK, N.J. (R) — The woman at the centre of a controversial U.S. surrogacy case who is still fighting to gain custody of the girl she bore for a fee, admitted that she was now pregnant by a man not her husband. Mary Beth Whitehead, who is separated from her husband and whose pregnant has been the subject of intense press speculation for several days, said ship planned to marry the man with whom she conceived the child and with whom she now lives. In a statement released by her attorned Mrs. Whitehead said she learned of the pregnancy last September and that "there was no question I wanted and would have my baby." "The baby's father, Dean Gould, and I have had an ongoing relationship for the last few months. We intend to be married," she said. Mrs. Whitehead, 32, who lost a bitter custory

battle earlier this year over the baby she bore for another woman under a \$10,000 contract, said it would not affect her determination to fight for the return of that baby.

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Crowds wait for rare glimpse of icon

ATHENS (R) - A large crowd gathered in heavy rain in central Athens on Wednesday to catch a glimpse of a venerated icon rarely seen by women, which has been brought from a secluded mountain monastery. The icon, Axion Esti, portrays the infant christ in the arms of the Virgin Mary surrounded by symbols of the 20 monasteries on Mount Athos, the monastic peninsular in north-east Greece from which women are banned. Axion Esti was brought here on one of its rare outings from the peninsular, in preparation for the visit of Patriarch Dimitrios I. spiritual leader of the world's 200 million Eastern Orthodox Christians. He will arrive in Greece from Istanbul on Nov. 13 for a six-day visit.

Snake turns on tap, causes flood

BREMEN. West Germany (R) - A python snake, left unattended in a Bremen apartment, turned on a bath tap and flooded homes below, police said on Wednesday. The threemetre snake, locked in the bathroom when its owner went away for the weekend, climbed into the bathtub and inadvertently turned on the lever-style tap. Police took the snake into care pending the owner's return.

Love letters found in Rudy Vallee's safe

LOS ANGELES (R) — Rudy Vallee kept love letters from Dorothy Lamour, Alice Faye and Heddy Lamarr and documents proving he was trained as a lawyer stashed in a safe that was sealed by the late singer 45 years ago and opened on Tuesday. Film scripts, stock certificates issued before the market crash of 1929, a signed picture from actor John Barrymore, sheet music and other Hollywood memorabilia were also in the safe, which Vallee told his wife to open only after his death. "These were things nobody could find that we knew had to be here," said Vallee's publicist. Chris Harris. "The love letters from the actresses were the biggest surprise." Vallee's fourth wife, Eleanor, said she would return the love letters to the actresses. Also discovered in the dull green safe, which was opened in 15 minutes by an expert, was Vallee's degree from Suffolk Law College in New York and proof that he passed the bar in Boston in 1932. "No one ever knew about that." Harris said. Before he died on July 3, 1980, at the age of 84, Vallee wrote a letter to his wife instructing that safe be opened afer his death and the sale of his collection of memorabilia from the early days of American radio and television. About 500 boxes housing the collection, along with the safe and its contents, were bought for \$275,000 by the Thousand Oaks Library Foundation.

Existence of Einstein's ring proven

TOULOUSE. France (R) - Four French astronomers claimed 2 world first on Tuesday with the observation in deep space of "Einstein's Ring", an optical phenomenon predicted by the great physicist. The effect was created by an enormous mass bending light into the apparent shape of a ring. Yannick Mellier of the Toulouse Observatory told reporters. It was also known as a gravitational lens, he said. Mellier, Bernard Fort, Guy Mathez and Genevieve Soucail, working at an international observatory in the clear air of the high Andes Mountains in Chile, had established that an arc of light seen through a telescope in Hawaii in 1985 was the first known example of the phenomenon. Mellier said the ring was visible around a giant galaxy similar to the Milky Way, located some seven billion light years from Earth. The team had analysed the arc to prove it fitted in with the theories of Albert Einstein. They said their discovery would make it possible to find hidden galaxies in the universe by detecting their effects on

machine guns and other arms destined for the Irish Republican Jamahiriyah in events which were were charged by French author-Army (IRA). later proved to have nothing to ities earlier this week with traf-A statement by Libya's Foreign do with Libya," the statement ficking in weapons for terrorism. The French contend the weapons

Libya denies link to ship held in France

ROME (R) — Libya said Friday this respect." it had nothing to do with a freighter seized off the French coast that was carrying arms allegedly

Liaison Bureau (Foreign Ministry) distributed by the official JANA news agency said "the great Jamahiriyah (Libya) has nothing to do with the question of the freighter and categorically denies all that the Western news

"It is not new that America and other states behind it seek to embroil the name of the great

The statement did not name

any particular news organisation. A French news agency has quoted French intelligence sources as saying the ship, the media try repeatedly to assert in Panamanian-registered freighter,

Irish police capture member of kidnap gang

after the man had taken a nurse hostage and overturned her car in a high-speed chase. John O'Grady, son-in-law of Irish millionaire Austin Darragh. was freed by police in a gunfight

with the four-man gang on Thurs-

dentist's kidnappers on Friday

day in the Dublin suburb of He was injured in the hand during the shooting. His kidnappers had sliced off the tips of his

DUBLIN (R) — Irish police cap-tured one of a wealthy Dublin (\$2.25 million) ransom. (\$2.25 million) ransom.

The gang, pursued by police using helicopters, took two Dublin housewives hostage and escaped down backroads to Limerick, 200 kilometres south west of Dublin. The women were freed unharmed.

Two gang members then took a taxi to Tipperary, where the police finally cornered them but they escaped from custody in a scuffle that left a policeman holding one of the men's torn shirt.

little fingers to back their de-Levesque praised as true

Quebec Premier Rene Levesque was eulogised during a state funeral as a true patriot whose respect for democracy served as

an inspiration to all Canadians. Politicians, led by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, gathered on Thursday to pay homage to Mr.

patriot during state funeral QUEBEC CITY (R) - Former to take Quebec out of Canada but succeeded in revitalising a sense of pride among the French-speak-

Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Mr. Levesque's arch political rival, did not attend the service for personal reasons, a Levesque, who failed in his bid spokesman for Mr. Trudeau said.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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Opening lead. Four of 3 In his Bols Bridge Tip some years ago, U.S. star Billy Eisenberg highlighted the advisability of playing low from dummy on the opening lead to leave the defenders in doubt about the real position. An opportunity to put this advice into practice occurred in the 7th World Olympiad, held recently in Miami

At most tables in the Open Pairs, the bidding went as shown South

opened with a weak two hearts and

North felt he had something in reserve for his jump to game. As the cards he, declarer had a certain trump loser. So if West had the diamond ace, the contract would hinge on how declarer tackled spades to hold his losers in that suit to one. But if the ace of diamonds were with East, declarer would have to establish spades before the defenders got their diamond tricks-not an easy prop-

Where Steve Hamaout of Vene zuela was the declarer at four hearts. West got his side off to a fine start with his choice of a low diamond as the opening lead. Hamaoui emerged triumphant by putting Eisenberg's advice to practical use—he played low from the table East-West were using thirdor fifth-best leads, and the position was by no means clear to East. In retrospect, he should have played the 10, but he chose to rise with the ace and declarer was well on his

way to making his contract Observe that declarer's decision to play low was perfectly logical. It was most unlikely that West had underled the ace of diamonds, so that his play would cost only if West haddled from a singleton or

who defected returns to face discipline

U.S. soldier

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE. Delaware (AP) — An American soldier who defected to the Soviet Union seven months ago returned to the United States to face disciplinary action, an army

spokesman said. Wade Roberts, 22, arrived late Thursday after a flight from the Rhine-Main U.S. Air Force Base

outside Frankfurt. Military police accompanied Roberts, clad in blue jeans and a blue and white sweater, to a waiting van and whisked him to a security building where an army chaplain, lawyer and commander from Fort Dix. New Jersey. were waiting to question him. Roberts then left for Fort Dix

shortly before 1 a.m. (0600 GMT) Robert's West German girlfriend. Petra Neumann, did not fly to the United States with him. said Walter Nebgen, spokesman for the 5th Army Corps in Frank-

"Roberts has expressed a desire to get out of the army and get on with his life, and the army at this point sees no reason why that shouldn't happen," Richard V. Dowling, spokesman for Fort Dix, said late Thursday.

Roberts deserted from a U.S. army base in Giessen, West Germany, in April and fled to East Germany hidden in the trunk of a rented car driven by Ms. Neumann. The couple defected to the Soviet embassy in East

Berlin. Under army rules, Roberts can request a discharge rather than

face a court-martial. "The usual discharge under this procedure is known as a discharge under other than honourable conditions. It is midway between an honourable discharge and a dishonourable one, and it involves the loss of all benefits." according to an army statement.

Army intelligence officers will interview Roberts at Fort Dix "to determine his activities for the last eight months.' "There is, at this point, no

indication that he had any access

to critical secret material, or that

there are any additional charges

that can be lodged against him

other than his leaving his unit and

going to East Germany," it said.

juana." Judge Ginsburg, 41, said in a statement issued by a

and would stick by his nominee.

WASHINGTON (R) - Presi- Ginsburg's word that he had dent Reagan's nominee for a seat made mistake. He doesn't feel it

> speculate on that. The Senate Judiciary Commit-

tee has scheduled hearings on Judge Ginsburg's nomination to begin the week of Dec. 7. Judge Bork, a staunch conservative whose views on indi-

in U.S. history. Judge Ginsburg, a U.S.

The White House defended